



# **International Federation of Sleddog Sports**

## **Anti-Doping Rules for Dogs participating in Sleddog Sports**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Preface**

These Anti-Doping Rules for Dogs are adopted and implemented in accordance with IFSS's responsibilities under the *Code*, and in furtherance of IFSS's continuing efforts to eradicate doping of dogs in Sleddog Sports. These rules are also consistent with the World Anti-Doping Code (WADC). If any items here are not properly regulated the WADC is prevailing. Comments and notes are in this regulation not included, but will be found in the Anti-Doping Rules for Sleddog Sport Athletes.

These Anti-Doping Rules aimed to enforce anti-doping principles in a global and harmonized manner. They are not intended to be subject to or limited by any national requirements and legal standards applicable to criminal or civil proceedings.

### **Fundamental Rationale for the *Code* and IFSS's Anti-Doping Rules for Dogs participating in Sleddog Sports**

Anti-Doping programs seek to preserve what is intrinsically valuable about Sleddog Sport. This intrinsic value is often referred to as "the spirit of sport". The spirit of Sleddog Sport is reflected in these values:

- Ethics, fair play and honesty
- Health and welfare for the dog
- Excellence in performance
- Character and education
- Fun and joy
- Teamwork, human and *Dog(s)* combining their efforts to perform
- Dedication and commitment
- Respect for rules and laws
- Respect for oneself, one's *Dog(s)* and other Participants and their *Dogs*
- Courage
- Community and solidarity.

Doping is fundamentally contrary to the spirit of Sleddog Sport.

### **Scope of these Anti-Doping Rules**

These Anti-Doping Rules for Dogs participating in *Sleddog Sports* shall apply to IFSS and to each of its *National Federations*. They also apply to the following *Athletes*, *Owners*, or *Dogs Support Personnel*, each of whom is deemed, as a condition of his/her membership, accreditation and/or participation in *Sleddog Sport*, to have agreed to be bound by these Anti-Doping Rules, and to have submitted to the

authority of IFSS to enforce these Anti-Doping Rules and to the jurisdiction of the hearing panels specified in Article 8 and Article 13 to hear and determine cases and appeals brought under these Anti-Doping Rules:

- a. all *Athletes* and *Dogs Support Personnel* who are members of IFSS, or of any *National Federation*, or of any *Provisional* or *Associate Member* of the IFSS or of any member or affiliate organization of any *National Federation Provisional* or *Associate Member* (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues);
- b. all *Athletes* and *Dogs Support Personnel* participating in such capacity in *Events, Competitions* and other activities organized, convened, authorized or recognized by IFSS or any *National Federation*, or of any *Provisional* or *Associate Member* of IFSS or any member or affiliate organization of any *National Federation Provisional* or *Associate Member* (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues), wherever held;
- c. any other *Athletes* or *Dogs Support Personnel* or other *Person* who, by virtue of an accreditation, a license or other contractual arrangement, or otherwise, is subject to the jurisdiction of IFSS, or of any *National Federation*, or of any *Provisional* or *Associate Member* of the IFSS or any member or affiliate organization of any *National Federation Provisional* or *Associate Member* (including any clubs, teams, associations or leagues), for purposes of anti-doping.
- d. *Athletes*, who are not regular members of IFSS or one of its *National* or *Provisional Federations*, but who want to be eligible to compete in a particular *International Event*.

It is the responsibility of each *National Federation* to ensure that all national level *testing* on the *National Federation's Athletes' Dogs* complies with these Anti-Doping Rules. In some countries, the *National Federation* itself will be conducting the *Doping Control* described in these Anti-Doping Rules. In other countries, many of the *Doping Control* responsibilities of the *National Federation* have been delegated or assigned by statute or agreement to a *National Anti-Doping Organization*. In those countries, references in these Anti-Doping Rules to the *National Federation* shall apply, as appropriate, to the *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

These Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sled Dog Sports* shall apply to all *Doping Controls* on *Dogs* over which the IFSS, its *National Federations Provisional* or *Associate Member* have jurisdiction.

However, if a National Anti-Doping Organization (NADO) has stricter prohibited lists, or if National Animal Welfare Laws are stricter than these IFSS Anti-Doping Rules, The National Federation may include those stricter rules into their national

Anti-Doping rules and apply them at their events. A Race Giving Organization (RGO) must inform about such stricter rules.

## **ARTICLE 1 DEFINITION OF DOPING FOR *DOGS***

Doping is defined as the occurrence of one or more of the anti-doping rule violations set forth in Article 2.1 through Article 2.10 of these Anti-Doping Rules.

## **ARTICLE 2 ANTI-DOPING RULE VIOLATIONS**

The purpose of Article 2 is to specify the circumstances and conduct which constitute anti-doping rule violations. Hearings in doping cases will proceed based on the assertion that one or more of these specific rules have been violated.

*Athletes, Owners, or Dogs Support Personnel* shall be responsible for knowing what constitutes an anti-doping rule violation and the substances and methods which have been included on the *Prohibited List* and the *Controlled List for Dogs*.

The following constitute anti-doping rule violations:

### **2.1 Presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in a *Dog's Sample*.**

**2.1.1** It is each *Athlete's* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters his or her *Dog's* body. *Athletes* are responsible for any *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found to be present in their *Dog's Samples*. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, negligence or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete's* part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1.

**2.1.2** Sufficient proof of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 is established by any of the following: presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in the *Athlete's Dog's A Sample* where the *Athlete* waives analysis of the *B Sample* and the *B Sample* is not analyzed; or, where the *Athlete's Dog's B Sample* is analyzed and the analysis of the *Athlete's Dog's B Sample* confirms the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* found in the *Athlete's Dog's A Sample*.

**2.1.3** Excepting those substances for which a quantitative threshold is specifically identified in the *Prohibited List for Dogs*, the presence of any quantity of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* in an *Athlete's Dogs Sample* shall constitute an anti-doping rule violation.

**2.1.4** As an exception to the general rule of Article 2.1, the *Prohibited List* for *Dogs* may establish special criteria for the evaluation of *Prohibited Substances* that can also be produced endogenously *in Dogs* participating in *Sled Dog Sports*

## **2.2 Use or Attempted Use of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method for Dogs participating in Sleddog Sports.**

**2.2.1** It is each *Athlete's* personal duty to ensure that no *Prohibited Substance* enters his or her *Dog's* body and that no *Prohibited Method* is *Used*. Accordingly, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, negligence or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete's* part be demonstrated in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation for *Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or a *Prohibited Method*.

**2.2.2** The success or failure of the *Use* or *Attempted Use* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is not material. It is sufficient that the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* was *Used* or *Attempted* to be *Used* for an anti-doping rule violation to be committed.

## **2.3 Evading, Refusing or Failing to Submit to a Dog's Sample Collection.**

Evading *Dog's Sample* collection, or without compelling justification refusing or failing to submit to *Dog's Sample* collection after notification as authorized in these Anti-Doping Rules or other applicable anti-doping rules.

## **2.4 Whereabouts Failures.**

Not Applicable for dogs.

## **2.5 Tampering or Attempted Tampering with any part of Doping Control of Dogs participating in Sleddog Sports.**

Conduct which subverts the *Doping Control* process but which would not otherwise be included in the definition of *Prohibited Methods*. *Tampering* shall include, without limitation, intentionally interfering or attempting to interfere with a *Doping Control* official, providing fraudulent information to an *Anti-Doping Organization*, or intimidating or attempting to intimidate a potential witness.

## **2.6 Possession of a Prohibited Substance or a Prohibited Method for Dogs participating in Sleddog Sports**

**2.6.1** *Possession* by *Athletes*, *Owners*, or *Dogs Support Personnel In-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method*, or *Possession* by *Athletes*, *Owners*, or *Dogs Support Personnel Out-of-Competition* of any *Prohibited Substance* or any *Prohibited Method* which is prohibited *Out-of-Competition* unless it can be established that the *Possession* is consistent with a Veterinarian certificate, or, if the *Prohibited*

Substance occurs as a human medication, is consistent with the certified need of an *Athlete, Owner, or Dogs Support Personnel*.

## **2.7 Trafficking or Attempted Trafficking in any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for Dogs participating in Sleddog Sports**

## **2.8 Administration or Attempted Administration to any Dog In-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method prohibited for Dogs or Administration or Attempted Administration to any Dog Out-of-Competition of any Prohibited Substance or any Prohibited Method that is prohibited for Dogs Out-of-Competition**

## **2.9 Complicity**

Assisting, encouraging, aiding, abetting, conspiring, covering up or any other type of intentional complicity involving an anti-doping rule violation, *Attempted* anti-doping rule violation or violation of Article 10.12.1 in the Standard for Athletes by another *Person*.

## **2.10 Prohibited Association**

Not applicable for dogs.

# **ARTICLE 3 PROOF OF DOPING**

## **3.1 Burdens and Standards of Proof**

IFSS shall have the burden of establishing that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred. The standard of proof shall be whether IFSS has established an anti-doping rule violation to the comfortable satisfaction of the hearing panel bearing in mind the seriousness of the allegation which is made. This standard of proof in all cases is greater than a mere balance of probability but less than proof beyond a reasonable doubt. Where these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* place the burden of proof upon the *Athlete* or other *Person* alleged to have committed an anti-doping rule violation to rebut a presumption or establish specified facts or circumstances, the standard of proof shall be by a balance of probability.

## **3.2 Methods of Establishing Facts and Presumptions**

Facts related to anti-doping rule violations may be established by any reliable means, including admissions. The following rules of proof shall be applicable in doping cases:

**3.2.1** Analytical methods or decision limits approved by IFSS or WADA after consultation within the relevant *Dog* scientific community and which have been the subject of peer review are presumed to be scientifically valid. Any

*Athlete* or other *Person* seeking to rebut this presumption of scientific validity shall, as a condition precedent to any such challenge, first notify IFSS or WADA of the challenge and the basis of the challenge. CAS on its own initiative may also inform IFSS or WADA of any such challenge. At IFSS or WADA's request, the CAS panel shall appoint an appropriate scientific expert to assist the panel in its evaluation of the challenge. Within 10 days of IFSS or WADA's receipt of such notice, and IFSS or WADA's receipt of the CAS file, IFSS or WADA shall also have the right to intervene as a party, appear amicus curiae, or otherwise provide evidence in such proceeding.

**3.2.2** IFSS-accredited laboratories, approved by WADA, and other laboratories approved by IFSS, are presumed to have conducted *Sample* analysis and custodial procedures in accordance with their Standard for Animal Laboratories. The *Athlete* or other *Person* may rebut this presumption by establishing that a departure from the Standard for Animal Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*. If the *Athlete* or other *Person* rebuts the preceding presumption by showing that a departure from the Standard for Laboratories occurred which could reasonably have caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, then IFSS shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

**3.2.3** Departures from any other *International Standard* or other anti-doping rule or policy set forth in the *Code* or these Anti-Doping Rules which did not cause an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or other anti-doping rule violation shall not invalidate such evidence or results. If the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes a departure from another *International Standard* or other anti-doping rule or policy which could reasonably have caused an anti-doping rule violation based on an IFSS *Adverse Analytical Finding* or other anti-doping rule violation, then shall have the burden to establish that such departure did not cause the *Adverse Analytical Finding* or the factual basis for the anti-doping rule violation.

**3.2.4** The facts established by a decision of a court or professional disciplinary tribunal of competent jurisdiction which is not the subject of a pending appeal shall be irrebuttable evidence against the *Athlete* or other *Person* to whom the decision pertained of those facts unless the *Athlete* or other *Person* establishes that the decision violated principles of natural justice.

**3.2.5** The hearing panel in a hearing on an anti-doping rule violation may draw an inference adverse to the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is asserted to have committed an anti-doping rule violation based on the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* refusal, after a request made in a reasonable time in advance of the hearing, to appear at the hearing (either in person or telephonically as



directed by the hearing panel) and to answer questions from the hearing panel or IFSS.

## **ARTICLE 4 THE PROHIBITED LIST FOR DOGS**

### **4.1 Incorporation of the *Prohibited List* and the *Controlled List for Dogs***

These Anti-Doping Rules incorporate the *Prohibited List* and the *Controlled List* applicable to *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*, which are published and revised by the IFSS in conformity with the procedures followed by WADA for publication and revision of WADAs own *Prohibited List*.

The IFSS will ensure that each *National Federation*, *Provisional* and *Associate Member* has access to the current *Prohibited List* and *Controlled list for Dogs*, and they shall ensure that the current *Prohibited List* and *the Controlled List for Dogs* are available to its members and constituents.

### **4.2 *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* Identified on the *Prohibited List* and *Controlled List for Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports***

#### **4.2.1 *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods***

Unless provided otherwise in the *Prohibited List*, consisting of *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*, for *Dogs* and/or a revision, the *Prohibited List* for *Dogs* and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti Doping Rules immediately after publication of the *Prohibited List for Dogs* by the IFSS. All *Athletes* and other *Persons* shall be bound by the *Prohibited List* for *Dogs*, and any revisions thereto, from the date they go into effect, without further formality. It is the responsibility of all *Athletes* and other *Persons* to familiarize themselves with the most up-to-date version of the *Prohibited List* for *Dogs* and all revisions thereto.

#### **4.2.1 *Controlled List***

Unless provided otherwise in *the Controlled List* for *Dogs* and/or a revision, *the Controlled List* for *Dogs* and revisions shall go into effect under these Anti-Doping Rules immediately after publication of *the Controlled List* for *Dogs* by the IFSS. All *Athletes* and other *Persons* shall be bound by *the Controlled List* for *Dogs*, and any revisions thereto, from the date they go into effect, without further formality. It is the responsibility of all *Athletes* and other *Persons* to familiarize themselves with the most up-to-date version of the *Controlled List* for *Dogs* and all revisions thereto.

### **4.3 IFSS's Determination of the *Prohibited List* and the *Controlled List* for Dogs participating in *Sleddog Sports***

**4.3.1** IFSS's determination of the classes of *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* that will be included on the *Prohibited List* for *Dogs*, the classification of substances into categories on the *Prohibited List*, and the classification of a substance as prohibited at all times or *In-Competition* only, is final and shall not be subject to challenge by an *Athlete* or other *Person* based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk, suppress signs of illness or violate the spirit of sport.

**4.3.2** IFSS's determination of the Groups of *Controlled Substances*, that will be included on the *Controlled List* for *Dogs*, and the classification of substances into categories on this *Controlled List* is final and shall not be subject to challenge by an *Athlete* or other *Person* based on an argument that the substance or method was not a masking agent or did not have the potential to enhance performance, represent a health risk, suppress signs of illness or violate the spirit of sport.

**4.3.3** If two of these criteria are met or present for substances or methods, the substance or method will be put in force in the *Prohibited Lists* for *Dogs*:

- having a potential as performing enhancers
- being a health risk for the *Dog*
- suppressing signs of illness or injuries
- having possibility to mask *Prohibited Substances* and/or *Methods*.

It cannot be justifiably argued that a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* is necessary to protect a *Dog* from a recognized risk of physical deterioration during an *Event*. The cause of the risk itself must be sought and eliminated; or the *Dog* must be withdrawn from the *Event*. A major principle in the *Sleddog Sports* is that no *Dog* must be made to perform beyond the limit of its natural capacity by any artificial means whatsoever.

### **4.4 Medical treatment of Dog(s)**

**4.4.1** Any *Dog* has the right to be treated for any injury or illness for its welfare. If this treatment requires a substance listed in the *Controlled List* the following requirements must be met before the dog is allowed to participate in *Competition*:

4.4.1.1 Treatment must be done by a veterinarian who is obliged to register all treatment in a veterinary journal.

4.4.1.2 The veterinarian must give clearance for when the *Dog* may participate in *Competitions* (Waiting period).

4.4.1.3 If a *Dog* for any reason will participate with a substance listed on the *Controlled List*, one of these forms must be properly filled in and approved:

- *Veterinary Medication Form no 1*
- *Veterinary Medication Form no 2* (Authorization for the use of Thyroid Hormone Supplement).

A signed copy of the veterinary journal must be available in competitions.

## **ARTICLE 5 TESTING AND INVESTIGATIONS OF DOGS**

### **5.1 Purpose of *Testing* and Investigations**

*Testing* and investigations shall only be undertaken for anti-doping purposes. They shall be conducted in conformity with the provisions of the IFSS Standard for Testing of Dogs.

**5.1.1** *Testing* shall be undertaken to obtain analytical evidence of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*.

All testing related activities conducted by IFSS shall be in conformity with the IFSS Standard for Testing.

**5.1.2** Investigations shall be undertaken:

5.1.2.1 in relation to *Atypical Findings*, in accordance with Articles 7.4, gathering intelligence or evidence (including, in particular, analytical evidence) in order to determine whether an anti-doping rule violation has occurred under Article 2.1 and/or Article 2.2; and

5.1.2.2 in relation to other indications of potential anti-doping rule violations, in accordance with Article 7.7, gathering intelligence or evidence (including, in particular, non-analytical evidence) in order to determine whether an anti-doping rule violation has occurred under any of Articles 2.2 to 2.10.

**5.1.3** IFSS may obtain, assess and process anti-doping intelligence from all available sources, to inform the development of an effective, intelligent and proportionate test distribution plan, to plan Target Testing, and/or to form the basis of an investigation into a possible anti-doping rule violation(s).

### **5.2 Authority to conduct *Testing***

**5.2.1** Subject to the jurisdictional limitations for *Event Testing* set out in Article 5.3 of the *Code*, IFSS shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority over all of the *Dogs* specified in the Introduction to these Anti-Doping Rules (under the heading "Scope").

**5.2.2** IFSS may require to test any *Dog*, over which it has the *Testing* authority, at any time and at any place.

IFSS has testing authority to *Dogs* that will participate, are participating or have been participating within the last year in any *Sleddog Competition*.

**5.2.3** WADA shall have *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition Testing* authority as set out in Article 20.7.8 of the *Code*.

**5.2.4** If IFSS delegates or contracts any part of *Testing* to a *National Anti-Doping Organization* (directly or through a *National Federation*), that *National Anti-Doping Organization* may collect additional *Samples* or direct the laboratory to perform additional types of analysis at the *National Anti Doping Organization's* expense. If additional *Samples* are collected or additional types of analysis are performed, IFSS shall be notified.

### **5.3 *Event Testing***

**5.3.1** Except as provided in Article 5.3 of the *Code*, only a single organization should be responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* at *Event Venues* during an *Event Period*. At *International Events*, the collection of *Samples* shall be initiated and directed by IFSS (or any other international organization which is the ruling body for the *Event*). At the request of IFSS (or any other international organization which is the ruling body for an *Event*), any *Testing* during the *Event Period* outside of the *Event Venues* shall be coordinated with IFSS (or the relevant ruling body of the *Event*).

**5.3.2** If an *Anti-Doping Organization* which would otherwise have *Testing* authority but is not responsible for initiating and directing *Testing* at an *Event* desires to conduct *Testing* of *Dogs* at the *Event Venues* during the *Event Period*, the *Anti-Doping Organization* shall first confer with IFSS (or any other international organization which is the ruling body of the *Event*) to obtain permission to conduct and coordinate such *Testing*. If the *Anti-Doping Organization* is not satisfied with the response from IFSS (or any other international organization which is the ruling body of the *Event*), the *Anti-Doping Organization* may ask WADA for permission to conduct *Testing* and to determine how to coordinate such *Testing*, in accordance with the IFSS Standard for *Testing*. WADA shall not grant approval for such *Testing* before consulting with and informing IFSS (or any other international organization which is the ruling body for the *Event*). WADA's decision shall be final and not subject to appeal. Unless otherwise provided in the authorization to conduct *Testing*, such tests shall be considered *Out-of-Competition* tests.

Results management for any such test shall be the responsibility of the *Anti-Doping Organization* initiating the test unless provided otherwise in the rules of the ruling body of the *Event*.

#### **5.4 Test Distribution Planning**

IFSS shall develop and implement an effective, intelligent and proportionate test distribution plan that prioritizes appropriately between disciplines, types of *Testing*, types of *Samples* collected, and types of *Sample* analysis, all in compliance with the requirements of its Standard for Testing. IFSS shall provide *WADA* upon request with a copy of its current test distribution plan.

**5.5 Coordination of Testing** (Not applicable for dogs, due to ADAMS limitations).

**5.6 Athlete Whereabouts Information** (Not applicable for dogs).

**5.7 Retired Dogs Returning to Competition** (Not applicable for dogs).

#### **5.8 Independent Observer Program**

IFSS and the organizing committees for IFSS *Events*, as well as the *National Federations* and the organizing committees for *National Events*, shall authorize and facilitate the *Independent Observer Program* at such *Events* if applicable.

### **ARTICLE 6 ANALYSIS OF SAMPLES FROM DOGS**

*Samples* collected from *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* shall be analyzed in accordance with the following principles:

#### **6.1 Use of Accredited and Approved Laboratories**

For purposes of Article 2.1, *Samples* taken from *Dogs* shall be analyzed only in laboratories accredited or otherwise approved by IFSS, and in due course accepted by *WADA*. The choice of the *IFSS*-accredited or *IFSS*-approved laboratory used for the *Sample* analysis shall be determined exclusively by IFSS.

#### **6.2 Purpose of Analysis of Samples**

**6.2.1** All samples conducted by IFSS personnel are IFSS property. *Samples* shall be analyzed to detect *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods*. *Samples* taken from *Dogs* may be collected and stored for future analysis.

### **6.3 Research on *Samples***

No *Sample* taken from *Dogs* may be used for research without the *Athlete's* written consent. *Samples* used for purposes other than Article 6.2 shall have any means of identification removed such that they cannot be traced back to a particular *Athlete's Dog*.

### **6.4 Standards for *Sample* Analysis and Reporting**

Laboratories shall analyze *Samples* taken from *Dogs* and report results to the IFSS official or the organization that has ordered the analysis with a copy, if applicable, to IFSS.

### **6.5 Further Analysis of *Samples***

Any *Sample* taken from *Dogs* may be stored and subsequently subjected to further analysis. for the purposes set out in Article 6.2: (a) by *WADA* at any time; and/or (b) by IFSS at any time before both the A and B *Sample* analytical results (or A *Sample* result where B *Sample* analysis has been waived or will not be performed) have been communicated by IFSS to the *Athlete* as the asserted basis for an Article 2.1 anti-doping rule violation. If the athlete does not have the daily care of the dog the athlete has the responsibility to inform the person in charge.

## **ARTICLE 7 RESULTS MANAGEMENT**

### **7.1 Responsibility for Conducting Results Management**

**7.1.1** The circumstances in which IFSS shall take responsibility for conducting results management in respect of anti-doping rule violations involving *Dogs* under its jurisdiction shall be determined by reference to and in accordance with Article 7 of the *Code*.

**7.1.2** The IFSS Anti-Doping Committee shall appoint a Doping Review Panel of three persons, consisting of a Chair and two members with experience in Anti-Doping, for each occasion. In case of handling of national cases according to Article 7 of the *Code*, the Doping Review Panel will be appointed by the *National Federation* or *National Anti-Doping Organization* (NADO).

### **7.2 Review of *Adverse Analytical Findings* from Tests Initiated by IFSS on *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports***

Results management in respect of the results of tests initiated by IFSS shall proceed as follows:

**7.2.1** The results from all analyses must be sent to IFSS official or the organization that has ordered the analysis with a copy, if applicable, to IFSS in encoded form, in a report in English signed by an authorized representative of the laboratory. All communication must be conducted confidentially.

**7.2.2** Upon receipt of an *Adverse Analytical Finding* on *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*, IFSS or the actual recipient shall conduct a review to determine whether: (a) an applicable *Dog's Veterinary Medication Form 1 or 2* has been granted or (b) there is any apparent departure from the IFSS Standard for Testing or Standard for Animal Laboratories that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

**7.2.3** If the review of an *Adverse Analytical Finding* under Article 7.2.2 reveals an applicable *Veterinary Medication Form 1 or 2* or departure from the IFSS Standard for Testing or the Standard for Animal Laboratories that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, the entire test shall be considered negative and the *Athlete*, the *Athlete's National Anti-Doping Organization* and *WADA* shall be so informed.

### **7.3 Notification after Review Regarding *Adverse Analytical Findings***

**7.3.1** If the review of an *Adverse Analytical Finding* on *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* under Article 7.2.2 does not reveal an applicable *Veterinary Medication Form 1 or 2* for *Dogs* or departure from the IFSS Standard for Testing or the Standard for Animal Laboratories that caused the *Adverse Analytical Finding*, IFSS shall promptly notify the *Athlete*, and simultaneously the *Athlete's National Sleddog Federation* and *WADA*, in the manner set out in Article 14.1, of:

- (a) the *Adverse Analytical Finding* for his/her *Dog*, indicating the *Dog's* intradermal identification number (microchip);
- (b) the anti-doping rule violated;
- (c) the *Athlete's* right to promptly - within ten (10) days - request the analysis of the *Dog's B Sample* at his/her own expense or, failing such request, that the *B Sample* analysis may be deemed waived;
- (d) the scheduled date, time and place for the *Dog's B Sample* analysis, if the *Athlete* or IFSS chooses to request an analysis of the *B Sample*;
- (e) the opportunity for the *Athlete* and/or the *Athlete's* representative to at his/her own expense attend the *B Sample* opening and analysis if such analysis is requested;
- (f) the *Athlete's* right to request copies of the *Dog's A and B Sample* laboratory documentation package which includes information as required by the Standard for Animal Laboratories.

If IFSS decides not to bring forward the *Adverse Analytical Finding* as an anti-doping rule violation, it shall so notify the *Athlete*, the *Athlete's National Sleddog Federation* and WADA.

**7.3.2** Where requested by the *Athlete* or IFSS, arrangements shall be made to analyze the *Dog's B Sample* in accordance with the Standard for Animal Laboratories. An *Athlete* may accept the *Dog's A Sample* analytical results by waiving the requirement for the *Dog's B Sample* analysis. IFSS may nonetheless elect to proceed with the *B Sample* analysis.

**7.3.3** The *Athlete* and/or his representative shall be allowed to be present at the analysis of the *B Sample*. Also, a representative of IFSS as well as a representative of the *Athlete's National Federation* shall be allowed to be present as long as they cover the extra costs the laboratory may charge.

**7.3.4** If the *Dog's B Sample* analysis does not confirm the *Dog's A Sample* analysis, then (unless IFSS takes the case forward as an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.2) the entire test shall be considered negative and the *Athlete*, the *Athlete's National Federation* and WADA shall be so informed.

**7.3.5** If the *Dog's B Sample* analysis confirms the *Dog's A Sample* analysis, the findings shall be reported to the *Athlete*, the *Athlete's National Federation* and to WADA.

#### **7.4 Review of Atypical Findings in Dogs participating in Sleddog Sports**

**7.4.1** In some circumstances laboratories are directed to report the presence of *Prohibited Substances*, which may also be produced endogenously in *Dogs*, as *Atypical Findings*, i.e., as findings that are subject to further investigation.

**7.4.2** Upon receipt of an *Atypical Finding*, in respect of a *Sample* collected from a *Dog* by or on behalf of the IFSS, IFSS shall conduct a review to determine whether:

(a) an applicable *Veterinary Medication Form 1 or 2* for *Dogs* has been granted or (b) there is any apparent departure from the IFSS Standard for Testing or Standard for Animal Laboratories that caused the *Atypical Finding*.

**7.4.3** If the review of an *Atypical Finding* under Article 7.4.2 reveals an applicable *Veterinary Medication Form 1 or 2* or a departure from the IFSS Standard for Testing or Standard for Animal Laboratories that caused the *Atypical Finding*, the entire test shall be considered negative and the *Athlete*, the *Athlete's National Federation* and WADA shall be so informed.



**7.4.4** If that review does not reveal an applicable *Veterinary Medication Form 1 or 2* or a departure from the IFSS Standard for Testing or Standard for Animal Laboratories that caused the *Atypical Finding*, IFSS shall conduct the required investigation or cause it to be conducted. After the investigation is completed, either the *Atypical Finding* will be brought forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*, in accordance with Article 7.3.1, or else the *Athlete*, the *Athlete's National Federation* and *WADA* shall be notified that the *Atypical Finding* will not be brought forward as an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

**7.5 Review of Atypical Passport Findings and Adverse Passport Findings**

Not applicable for dogs.

**7.6 Review of Whereabouts Failures**

Not applicable for dogs.

**7.7 Review of Other Anti-Doping Rule Violations Not Covered by Articles 7.2–7.6**

IFSS shall conduct any follow-up investigation required into a possible anti-doping rule violation not covered by Articles 7.2- 7.6. At such time as IFSS is satisfied that an anti-doping rule violation has occurred, it shall promptly give the *Athlete* or other *Person* (and simultaneously the *Athlete's* or other *Person's National Federation* and *WADA*) notice of the anti-doping rule violation asserted and the basis of that assertion.

**7.8 Identification of Prior Anti-Doping Rule Violations**

Before giving an *Athletes, Owners, or Dogs Support Personnel* notice of an asserted anti-doping rule violation concerning the *Dog* as provided above, IFSS shall investigate relevant register to determine whether any prior anti-doping rule violation exists.

**7.9 Provisional Suspension**

Not practically applicable for dogs

**7.10 Resolution without a Hearing**

**7.10.1** An *Athlete, Owner, or Dogs Support Personnel* against whom an anti-doping rule violation concerning a dog is asserted may admit that violation at any time, waive a hearing, and accept the *Consequences* that are mandated by these Anti-Doping Rules or (where some discretion as to *Consequences* exists under these Anti-Doping Rules) that have been offered by IFSS.

**7.10.2** Alternatively, if An *Athlete*, Owner, or *Dogs Support Personnel* against whom an anti-doping rule violation concerning a dog is asserted fails to dispute that assertion within the deadline specified in the notice sent by the Doping Review Panel asserting the violation, then he/she shall be deemed to have admitted the violation, to have waived a hearing, and to have accepted the *Consequences* that are mandated by these Anti-Doping Rules or (where some discretion as to *Consequences* exists under these Anti-Doping Rules) that have been offered by IFSS.

**7.10.3** In cases where Article 7.10.1 or Article 7.10.2 applies, a hearing before a hearing panel shall not be required. Instead Doping Review Panel shall promptly issue a written decision confirming the commission of the anti-doping rule violation and the *Consequences* imposed as a result, and setting out the full reasons for any period of *Ineligibility* imposed, including (if applicable) a justification for why the maximum potential period of *Ineligibility* was not imposed. IFSS shall send copies of that decision to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3, and shall *Publicly Disclose* that decision in accordance with Article 14.3.2.

## **7.11 Notification of Results Management Decisions**

In all cases where the Doping Review Panel has asserted the commission of an anti-doping rule violation, withdrawn the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation, or agreed with an *Athlete* or other *Person* on the imposition of *Consequences* without a hearing, the Doping Review Panel shall give notice thereof in accordance with Article 14.2.1 to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3.

**7.12 Retirement from Sport** Not applicable

## **ARTICLE 8 RIGHT TO A FAIR HEARING**

### **8.1 Principles for a Fair Hearing**

**8.1.1** When the Doping Review Panel sends a notice to an *Athlete* or other *Person* asserting an anti-doping rule violation for a Dog, and the *Athlete* or other *Person* does not waive a hearing in accordance with Article 7.10.1 or Article 7.10.2, then the case shall be assigned to the Doping Review Panel for adjudication.

**8.1.2** Hearings shall be scheduled and completed within a reasonable time. Hearings held in connection with *Events* that are subject to these Anti-Doping

Rules may be conducted by an expedited process where permitted by the hearing panel.

**8.1.3** The Doping Review Panel shall determine the procedure to be followed at the hearing.

The hearing process shall respect the following principles:

- a timely hearing;
- fair and impartial hearing panel;
- the right to be represented by counsel at the *Person's* own expense;
- the right to be informed in a fair and timely manner of the asserted anti-doping rule violation;
- the right to respond to the asserted anti-doping rule violation and resulting *Consequences*;
- the right of each party to present evidence, including the right to call and question witnesses (subject to the hearing panel's discretion to accept testimony by telephone or written submission);
- the *Person's* right to an interpreter at the hearing, with the hearing panel to determine the identity, and responsibility for the cost of the interpreter.

**8.1.4** WADA and the *National Federation of the Athlete* or other *Person* may attend the hearing as observers. In national hearings IFSS or WADA may attend at the hearing to their own cost. In any event, IFSS shall keep WADA fully apprised as to the status of pending cases and the result of all hearings.

**8.1.5** The Doping Review Panel shall act in a fair and impartial manner towards all parties at all times.

## **8.2 Decisions**

**8.2.1** At the end of the hearing, or on a timely basis thereafter, the Doping Review Panel shall issue a written decision that includes the full reasons for the decision and for any period of *Ineligibility* imposed, including (if applicable) a justification for why the greatest potential *Consequences* were not imposed.

**8.2.2** The decision may be appealed to the CAS as provided in Article 13. Copies of the decision shall be provided to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to other *Anti-Doping Organizations* with a right to appeal under Article 13.2.3.

**8.2.3** If no appeal is brought against the decision, then

- a) if the decision is that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, the decision shall be *Publicly Disclosed* as provided in Article 14.3.2; but
- b) if the decision is that no anti-doping rule violation was committed, then the decision shall only be *Publicly Disclosed* with the consent of the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision.

IFSS shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent, and if consent is obtained, shall *Publicly Disclose* the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the Athlete or other Person may approve. The principles contained at Article 14.3.6 shall be applied in cases involving a *Minor*.

**8.2.4** If the completion of the hearing is delayed beyond three months or if the Athlete's national federation declares to be unwilling to proceed with the hearing or in other cases where the hearing cannot be performed, the IFSS may elect to bring the case to the IFSS Doping Review Panel.

The case before the IFSS Doping Review Panel shall be handled in accordance with Article 8.1.3.

In all cases, the hearing shall proceed at the expense of the *National Federation*. In all cases the appeal from such decision shall be to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

### **8.3 Single Hearing before CAS**

Cases asserting anti-doping rule violations may be heard directly at CAS, with no requirement for a prior hearing, with the consent of the *Athlete*, IFSS, WADA, and any other *Anti-Doping Organization* that would have had a right to appeal a first instance hearing decision to CAS.

## **ARTICLE 9 AUTOMATIC DISQUALIFICATION OF INDIVIDUAL RESULTS**

A final decision about an anti-doping rule violation in *Individual Sports* in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained in that *Competition* with all resulting *Consequences*, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

## **ARTICLE 10 SANCTIONS ON INDIVIDUALS**

A *Dog Team*, consisting of one or more dogs performing with a dog driver (*the Athlete*) as one *Equipage*, is covered by this article.

**10.1** In Sleddog Sport there might be several persons included in an Anti-Doping rules violation in addition to the dog. These three groups, *Athlete*, *Owner*, or *Dog Support Personnel*, may all be involved in the rules violation. These three groups might be given different sanctions due to the seriousness of the rule violation and the circumstances. The dog involved is blameless in any doping case, but depending on the kind of case it might be necessary to ground the dog for a given period.

*Athlete* and Owner will be jointly responsible unless they can prove *No Fault or Negligence*. Generally both are to be sanctioned, however there shall always be individual responsibility taken into consideration when sanctions are given. *Dog Support Personnel* will only be sanctioned if responsibility or knowledge is proved.

## **10.2** Sanctions to be given:

### **10.2.1** *Athlete*

- See sanctions on *Athletes* in the Anti-Doping Rules (Human Athletes Article 10).

### **10.2.2** *Owner*

- Reprimand
- The Owner's other dogs might be grounded from competitions up to one year for the first time
- The Owner's other dogs might be grounded from competitions up to lifetime for the second time
- Fine of up to 3 000 Euro
- Ineligibility for 6 month to life time first time
- Ineligibility for life time the second time

### **10.2.3** *Dog Support Personnel*

- Reprimand
- Ineligibility to administrate work or training
- Fine of up to 1 500 Euro
- Ineligibility for 6 month to life time first time
- Ineligibility for life time the second time

### **10.2.4** *Dog*

When the decisions concerning the dogs time to be grounded from competitions are made it is of great importance to take into consideration whether the substance present in the *Dog's* Sample, or the *Prohibited Substances* or *Methods* that were used on the *Dog*, could have lifelong performance-enhancing effects, or have caused a discernible risk of permanent damage to the *Dog's* health.

- Be grounded from competitions from 1 month up to life time for the first time and life time for the second time.

The Doping Review Panel shall use the Anti-Doping Rules for Human Athletes, Article 10, for provisions not covered above.

## **10.3 Automatic Publication of Sanction**

A mandatory part of each sanction shall include automatic publication, as provided in Article 14.3.

## **ARTICLE 11 CONSEQUENCES TO TEAMS**

A *Team*, consisting of two or more *Equipages* performing as a *Team* in a Relay competition, is covered by this article.

**11.1 Testing of Teams** Not practically applicable for dogs

### **11.2 Consequences for Teams**

**11.2.1** An anti-doping rule violation committed by an *Equipage* of a *Team* in connection with an *In-Competition* test automatically leads to *Disqualification* of the result obtained by the *Team* in that *Competition*, with all resulting consequences for the *Team* and its members, including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes.

**11.2.2** An anti-doping rule violation committed by an *Equipage* of a *Team* occurring during or in connection with an *Event* may lead to *Disqualification* of all of the results obtained by the *Team* in that *Event* with all consequences for the *Team* and its members, including forfeiture of all medals, points and prizes, except as provided in Article 11.2.3.

**11.2.3** Where an *Equipage* of a *Team* committed an anti-doping rule violation during or in connection with one *Competition* in an *Event*, if the other member(s) of the *Team* establish(es) that he/she/they bear(s) *No Fault or Negligence* for that violation, the results of the *Team* in any other *Competition(s)* in that *Event* shall not be *Disqualified* unless the results of the *Team* in the *Competition(s)* other than the *Competition* in which the anti-doping rule violation occurred were likely to have been affected by the *Equipage's* Anti-Doping rule violation.

## **ARTICLE 12 SANCTIONS AND COSTS ASSESSED AGAINST SPORTING BODIES**

**12.1** The IFSS Board has the authority to withhold some or all funding or other non- financial support to *National Federations* that are not in compliance with these Anti-Doping Rules.

**12.2** *National Federations* shall be obligated to reimburse IFSS for all costs (including but not limited to laboratory fees, hearing expenses and travel) related to

a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules committed by an *Equipage* or other *Person* affiliated with that *National Federation*.

**12.3** IFSS may elect to take additional disciplinary action against *National Federations* with respect to recognition, the eligibility of its officials and *Athletes* to participate in International Events and fines based on the following:

**12.3.1** Four or more violations of these Anti-Doping Rules (other than violations involving Article 2.4) are committed by an *Equipage* or other *Persons* affiliated with a *National Federation* within a 12-month period in testing conducted by IFSS or *Anti-Doping Organizations* other than the *National Federation* or its *National Anti-Doping Organization*. In such event IFSS may in its discretion elect to:

- a) ban all officials from that *National Federation* for participation in any IFSS activities for a period of up to two years and/or
- b) fine the *National Federation* in an amount up to one thousand Euros (1000.00 €). (For purposes of this Rule, any fine paid pursuant to Rule 12.3.2 shall be credited against any fine assessed.)

If four or more violations of these Anti-Doping Rules (other than violations involving Articles 2.4) are committed in addition to the violations described in Article 12.3.1 by an *Equipage* or other *Persons* affiliated with a *National Federation* within a 12-month period in *Testing* conducted by IFSS or *Anti-Doping Organizations* other than the *National Federation* or its *National Anti-Doping Organization*, then IFSS may suspend that *National Federation's* membership for a period of up to 4 years.

**12.3.2** More than one *Equipage* or other *Person* from a *National Federation* commits an anti-doping rule violation during an *International Event*. In such event IFSS may fine that *National Federation* in an amount up to one thousand Euros (1000.00 €).

**12.3.3** Not applicable for Dogs

## **ARTICLE 13 APPEALS**

### **13.1 Decisions Subject to Appeal**

Decisions made under these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* may be appealed as set forth below in Article 13.2 through 13.7 or as otherwise provided in these Anti-Doping Rules, the *Code* or the *International Standards*. Such decisions shall remain in effect while under appeal unless the appellate body orders otherwise. Before an *Appeal* is commenced, any post-decision review provided in the *Anti-Doping Organization's* rules must be exhausted,

provided that such review respects the principles set forth in Article 13.2.2 below (except as provided in Article 13.1.3).

**13.1.1** Scope of Review Not Limited

The scope of review on appeal includes all issues relevant to the matter and is expressly not limited to the issues or scope of review before the initial decision maker.

**13.1.2** CAS Shall Not Defer to the Findings Being Appealed

In making its decision, CAS need not give deference to the discretion exercised by the body whose decision is being appealed.

**13.1.3** WADA Not Required to Exhaust Internal Remedies

Where WADA has a right to appeal under Article 13 and no other party has appealed a final decision within IFSS's process, WADA may appeal such decision directly to CAS without having to exhaust other remedies in IFSS's process.

**13.2 Appeals from Decisions Regarding Anti-Doping Rule Violations, Consequences, Provisional Suspensions, Recognition of Decisions and Jurisdiction**

A decision that an anti-doping rule violation was committed, a decision imposing *Consequences* or not imposing *Consequences* for an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision that no anti-doping rule violation was committed; a decision that an anti-doping rule violation proceeding cannot go forward for procedural reasons (including, for example, prescription); a decision by WADA assigning results management under Article 7.1 of the *Code*; a decision by IFSS not to bring forward an *Adverse Analytical Finding* or an *Atypical Finding* as an anti-doping rule violation, or a decision not to go forward with an anti-doping rule violation after an investigation under Article 7.7; a decision to impose a *Provisional Suspension* as a result of a *Provisional Hearing*; a decision that IFSS lacks jurisdiction to rule on an alleged anti-doping rule violation or its *Consequences*; and a decision by IFSS not to recognize another *Anti-Doping Organization's* decision under Article 15, may be appealed exclusively as provided in Articles 13.2 – 13.7.

**13.2.1 Appeals Involving International-Level Equipages or International Events**

In cases arising from participation in an *International Event* or in cases involving *International-Level Equipage*, the decision may be appealed exclusively to CAS.

**13.2.2 Appeals Involving Other Equipages or Other Persons**

In cases where Article 13.2.1 is not applicable, the decision may be appealed to a national-level appeal body, being an independent and impartial body



established in accordance with rules adopted by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* having jurisdiction over the *Equipage* or other *Person*. The rules for such appeal shall respect the following principles: a timely hearing; a fair and impartial hearing panel; the right to be represented by counsel at the *Person's* own expense; and a timely, written, reasoned decision. If the *National Anti-Doping Organization* has not established such a body, the decision may be appealed to CAS in accordance with the provisions applicable before such court.

### **13.2.3 Persons Entitled to Appeal**

In cases under Article 13.2.1, the following parties shall have the right to appeal to CAS:

- a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered;
- c) IFSS
- d) the *National Anti-Doping Organization* of the *Person's* country of residence or countries where the *Person* is a national or license holder;
- e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and
- f) WADA.

In cases under Article 13.2.2, the parties having the right to appeal to the national-level appeal body shall be as provided in the *National Anti-Doping Organization's* rules but, at a minimum, shall include the following parties:

- a) the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision being appealed;
- b) the other party to the case in which the decision was rendered;
- c) IFSS;
- d) the National Anti-Doping Organization of the *Person's* country of residence;
- e) the International Olympic Committee or International Paralympic Committee, as applicable, where the decision may have an effect in relation to the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games, including decisions affecting eligibility for the Olympic Games or Paralympic Games; and
- f) WADA.

For cases under Article 13.2.2, WADA, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, and IFSS shall also have the right to *Appeal* to CAS with respect to the decision of the national-level appeal body. Any party filing an appeal shall be entitled to assistance from CAS to obtain all relevant information

from the *Anti-Doping Organization* whose decision is being appealed and the information shall be provided if CAS so directs.

#### **13.2.4 Cross Appeals and other Subsequent Appeals Allowed**

Cross appeals and other subsequent appeals by any respondent named in cases brought to CAS under the *Code* are specifically permitted. Any party with a right to appeal under this Article 13 must file a cross appeal or subsequent appeal at the latest with the party's answer.

### **13.3 Failure to Render a Timely Decision**

Where, in a particular case, IFSS fails to render a decision with respect to whether an anti-doping rule violation was committed within a reasonable deadline set by WADA, WADA may elect to appeal directly to CAS as if IFSS had rendered a decision finding no anti-doping rule violation. If the CAS hearing panel determines that an anti-doping rule violation was committed and that WADA acted reasonably in electing to appeal directly to CAS, then WADA's costs and attorney fees in prosecuting the appeal shall be reimbursed to WADA by IFSS.

#### **13.4 Appeals Relating to TUEs** Not applicable for Dog(s)

### **13.5 Notification of Appeal Decisions**

Any *Anti-Doping Organization* that is a party to an appeal shall promptly provide the appeal decision to the *Athlete* or other *Person* and to the other *Anti-Doping Organizations* that would have been entitled to appeal under Article 13.2.3 as provided under Article 14.2.

### **13.6 Appeals from Decisions Pursuant to Article 12**

Decisions by IFSS pursuant to Article 12 may be appealed exclusively to CAS by the *National Federation*.

### **13.7 Time for Filing Appeals**

#### **13.7.1 Appeals to CAS**

The time to file an appeal to CAS shall be twenty-one days from the date of receipt of the decision by the appealing party. The above notwithstanding, the following shall apply in connection with appeals filed by a party entitled to appeal but which was not a party to the proceedings that led to the decision being appealed:

- a) Within fifteen days from notice of the decision, such party/ies shall have the right to request a copy of the case file from the body that issued the decision;
- b) If such a request is made within the fifteen-day period, then the party making such request shall have twenty-one days from receipt of the file to file an appeal to CAS.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal filed by WADA shall be the later of:

- c) Twenty-one days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed; or
- d) Twenty-one days after WADA's receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

### **13.7.2 Appeals under Article 13.2.2**

The time to file an appeal to an independent and impartial body established at national level in accordance with rules established by the *National Anti-Doping Organization* shall be indicated by the same rules of the *National Anti-Doping Organization*.

The above notwithstanding, the filing deadline for an appeal or intervention filed by WADA shall be the later of:

- a) Twenty-one days after the last day on which any other party in the case could have appealed, or
- b) Twenty-one days after WADA's receipt of the complete file relating to the decision.

## **ARTICLE 14 CONFIDENTIALITY AND REPORTING**

### **14.1 Information Concerning *Adverse Analytical Findings, Atypical Findings, and Other Asserted Anti-Doping Rule Violations* regarding *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports***

#### **14.1.1 Notice of anti-doping rule violations to *Athletes* and other *Persons***

Notice to *Athletes* or other *Persons* of anti-doping rule violations asserted against them shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14 of these Anti-Doping Rules. Notice to an *Athlete* or other *Person* who is a member of a *National Federation* may be accomplished by delivery of the notice to the *National Federation*.

#### **14.1.2 Notice of anti-doping rule violations to *National Anti-Doping Organizations* and WADA**

Notice of the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation to *National Anti-Doping Organizations* and *WADA* shall occur as provided under Articles 7 and 14 of these Anti-Doping Rules, simultaneously with the notice to the *Athlete* or other *Person*.

#### **14.1.3** Content of an anti-doping rule violation Notice

Notification of an anti-doping rule violation under Article 2.1 shall include: the *Athlete's* name, country, sport and discipline within the Sleddog sport, the *Dog's* name and identification number (microchip), the *Athlete's* competitive level, whether the test was *In-Competition* or *Out-of-Competition*, the date of the *Dog's Sample* collection, the analytical result reported by the laboratory, and other information as required by the IFSS Standard for Testing.

Notice of anti-doping rule violations other than under Article 2.1 shall include the rule violated and the basis of the asserted violation.

#### **14.1.4** Status Reports

Each *National Federation* shall send annually a report to the IFSS with the number of *In-Competition* and *Out-of-Competition* tests that have been performed in the country during the concerned period, including test results.

Except with respect to investigations which have not resulted in notice of an anti-doping rule violation pursuant to Article 14.1.1, *National Anti-Doping Organizations* and *WADA* shall be regularly updated on the status and findings of any review or proceedings conducted pursuant to Article 7, 8 or 13 and shall be provided with a prompt written reasoned explanation or decision explaining the resolution of the matter.

#### **14.1.5** Confidentiality

The recipient organizations shall not disclose this information beyond those *Persons* with a need to know (which would include the appropriate personnel at the applicable *National Olympic Committee, National Federation*), until IFSS has made *Public Disclosure* or has failed to make *Public Disclosure* as required in Article 14.3.

**14.1.6** IFSS shall ensure that information concerning *Adverse Analytical Findings, Atypical Findings*, and other asserted anti-doping rule violations regarding an *Athlete's Dog* remains confidential until such information is *Publicly Disclosed* in accordance with Article 14.3, and shall include provisions in any contract entered into between IFSS and any of its employees (whether permanent or otherwise), contractors, agents and consultants, for the protection of such confidential information as well as for the investigation and disciplining of improper and/or unauthorised disclosure of such confidential information.

## **14.2 Notice of Anti-Doping Rule Violation Decisions and Request for Files**

**14.2.1** Anti-doping rule violation decisions rendered pursuant to Article 7.11, 8.2, 10.4, 10.5, 10.6, 10.12.3 or 13.5 shall include the full reasons for the decision, including, if applicable, a justification for why the greatest possible *Consequences* were not imposed. The decision shall be written in English.

**14.2.2** An *Anti-Doping Organization* having a right to appeal a decision received pursuant to Article 14.2.1 may, within fifteen days of receipt, request a copy of the full case file pertaining to the decision.

## **14.3 Public Disclosure**

**14.3.1** The identity of any *Athlete, Dog* or other *Person* who is asserted by IFSS to have committed an Anti-Doping rule violation may be *Publicly Disclosed* by IFSS only after notice has been provided to the *Athlete* or other *Person* in accordance with Article 7.3, 7.4, or 7.7 and simultaneously to WADA and the *National Anti-Doping Organization of the Athlete* or other *Person* in accordance with Article 14.1.2.

**14.3.2** No later than twenty days after it has been determined in a final appellate decision under Article 13.2.1 or 13.2.2, or such appeal has been waived, or a hearing in accordance with Article 8 has been waived, or the assertion of an anti-doping rule violation has not been timely challenged, IFSS must *Publicly Report* the disposition of the matter, including the sport, the anti-doping rule violated, the name of the *Athlete* or other *Person* committing the violation, the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method for Dogs* involved (if any), and the *Consequences* imposed. IFSS must also *Publicly Report* within twenty days the results of final appeal decisions concerning anti-doping rule violations, including the information described above.

**14.3.3** In any case where it is determined, after a hearing or appeal, that the *Athlete* or other *Person* did not commit an Anti-Doping rule violation, the decision may be *Publicly Disclosed* only with the consent of the *Athlete* or other *Person* who is the subject of the decision. IFSS shall use reasonable efforts to obtain such consent. If consent is obtained, IFSS shall *Publicly Disclose* the decision in its entirety or in such redacted form as the *Athlete* or other *Person* may approve.

**14.3.4** Publication shall be accomplished at a minimum by placing the required information on the IFSS's website or publishing it through other means and leaving the information up for the longer of one month or the duration of any period of *Ineligibility*.

**14.3.5** Neither IFSS, nor its *National Federations*, nor any official of either body, shall publicly comment on the specific facts of any pending case (as opposed to general description of process and science) except in response to public comments attributed to the *Equipage* or other *Person* against whom an anti-doping rule violation is asserted, or their representatives.

**14.3.6** The mandatory *Public Reporting* required in Article 14.3.2 shall not be required where the *Equipage* or other *Person* who has been found to have committed an anti-doping rule violation regarding *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* is a *Minor*. Any optional *Public Reporting* in a case involving a *Minor* shall be proportionate to the facts and circumstances of the case.

#### **14.4 Statistical Reporting**

IFSS shall publish at least annually a general statistical report of its *Doping Control* activities regarding *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*, with a copy provided to WADA.

**14.5 Doping Control Information Clearinghouse** (not applicable for dogs because ADAMS is not – yet - developed to be used for Sleddog Sports)

#### **14.6 Data Privacy**

**14.6.1** IFSS may collect, store, process or disclose personal information relating to *Athletes*, their *Dogs*, and other *Persons* where necessary and appropriate to conduct their anti-doping activities under the *Code*, the *International Standards* (including specifically the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information) and these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*.

**14.6.2** Any *Participant* who submits information including personal data to any *Person* in accordance with these Anti-Doping Rules shall be deemed to have agreed, pursuant to applicable data protection laws and otherwise, that such information may be collected, processed, disclosed and used by such *Person* for the purposes of the implementation of these Anti-Doping Rules, in accordance with the International Standard for the Protection of Privacy and Personal Information and otherwise as required to implement these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*.

### **ARTICLE 15 APPLICATION AND RECOGNITION OF DECISIONS**

**15.1** Subject to the right to appeal provided in Article 13, *Testing*, hearing results or other final adjudications of any *Signatory* which are consistent with the *Code* and

are within that *Signatory's* authority shall be applicable worldwide and shall be recognized and respected by IFSS and all its *National Federations*.

**15.2** IFSS and its *National Federations* shall recognize the measures taken by other bodies which have not accepted the *Code* if the rules of those bodies are otherwise consistent with the *Code*.

**15.3** Subject to the right to appeal provided in Article 13, any decision of IFSS regarding a violation of these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* shall be recognized by all *National Federations*, which shall take all necessary action to render such decision effective.

## **ARTICLE 16 INCORPORATION OF IFSS ANTI-DOPING RULES FOR DOGS, PARTICIPATING IN SLEDDOG SPORTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF NATIONAL FEDERATIONS**

**16.1** All *National Federations* and their members shall comply with these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*. All *National Federations* and other members shall include in their regulations the provisions necessary to ensure that IFSS may enforce these Anti-Doping Rules directly as against *Equipages* in events under its anti-doping jurisdiction.

However, in cases, where the Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* of the *National Anti-Doping Organization* in a country are stricter than the IFSS Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs*, those rules may be included in the *National Federation* Anti-Doping rules and the *National Federation* may enforce them at events under its jurisdiction.

**16.2** All *National Federations* shall establish rules requiring all *Equipages* and each *Support Personnel* who participates as coach, trainer, manager, team staff, official, veterinarian, medical or paramedical personnel in a *Competition* or activity authorized or organized by a *National Federation* or one of its member organizations to agree to be bound by these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* and to submit to the results management authority of the *Anti-Doping Organization* responsible under the *Code* as a condition of such participation.

**16.3** All *National Federations* shall report any information suggesting or relating to an anti-doping rule violation regarding *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* to IFSS and to their *National Anti-Doping Organizations*, and shall cooperate with investigations conducted by any *Anti-Doping Organization* with authority to conduct the investigation.

**16.4** All *National Federations* shall be required to conduct anti-doping education in coordination with their *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.

## **ARTICLE 17            STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

No anti-doping rule violation proceeding may be commenced against an *Equipage* or other *Person* unless the person involved has been notified of the anti-doping rule violation as provided in Article 7, or notification has been reasonably attempted, within ten years from the date the violation is asserted to have occurred.

## **ARTICLE 18            IFSS COMPLIANCE REPORT TO WADA**

IFSS will report to *WADA* on IFSS's compliance with the *Code* in accordance with Article 23.5.2 of the *Code*.

## **ARTICLE 19            EDUCATION**

IFSS shall plan, implement, evaluate and monitor information, education and prevention programs for doping-free sport, regarding *Dogs*' participating in *Sleddog Sports*, and shall support active participation by *Athletes* and *Athlete Support Personnel* in such programs.

## **ARTICLE 20 AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION OF ANTI-DOPING RULES**

**20.1** These Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* may be amended from time to time by IFSS.

**20.2** These Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to existing law or statutes.

**20.3** The headings used for the various Parts and Articles of these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of these Anti-Doping Rules or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.



**20.4** The *Code* and the *International Standards* duly adapted for *Dogs* shall be considered integral parts of these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* and shall prevail in case of conflict.

**20.5** These Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* have been adopted pursuant to the applicable provisions of the *Code* and shall be interpreted in a manner that is consistent with applicable provisions of the *Code*. The Introduction shall be considered an integral part of these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*.

**20.6** Not applicable for Dog(s)

**20.7** These Anti-Doping Rules have come into full force and effect on 1 January 2015 (the "Effective Date"). They shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the Effective Date; provided, however, that:

**20.7.1** Anti-Doping Rule violations taking place prior to the Effective Date count as "first violations" or "second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for violations taking place after the Effective Date.

**20.7.2** The retrospective periods in which prior violations can be considered for purposes of multiple violations under Article 10.7.5 and the statute of limitations set forth in Article 17 are procedural rules and should be applied retroactively; provided, however, that Article 17 shall only be applied retroactively if the statute of limitations period has not already expired by the Effective Date. Otherwise, with respect to any anti-doping rule violation case which is pending as of the Effective Date and any anti-doping rule violation case brought after the Effective Date based on an anti-doping rule violation which occurred prior to the Effective Date, the case shall be governed by the substantive anti-doping rules in effect at the time the alleged anti-doping rule violation occurred unless the panel hearing the case determines the principle of "lex mitior" appropriately applies under the circumstances of the case.

**20.7.3** Not applicable for *Dogs*.

**20.7.4** With respect to cases where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered prior to the Effective Date, but the *Athlete* or other *Person* is still serving the period of *Ineligibility* as of the Effective Date, the *Athlete* or other *Person* may apply to the *Anti-Doping Organization* which had results management responsibility for the anti-doping rule violation to consider a reduction in the period of *Ineligibility* in light of these Anti-Doping Rules. Such application must be made before the period of *Ineligibility* has expired. The decision rendered may be appealed pursuant to Article 13.2. These Anti-Doping Rules shall have no application to any case

where a final decision finding an anti-doping rule violation has been rendered and the period of *Ineligibility* has expired.

**20.7.5** For purposes of assessing the period of *Ineligibility* for a second violation under Article 10.7.1, where the sanction for the first violation was determined based on rules in force prior to the Effective Date, the period of *Ineligibility* which would have been assessed for that first violation had these Anti-Doping Rules been applicable, shall be applied.

## **ARTICLE 21 INTERPRETATION OF THE CODE**

**21.1** The official text of the *Code* shall be maintained by *WADA* and shall be published in English and French. In the event of any conflict between the English and French versions, the English version shall prevail.

**21.2** The comments annotating various provisions of the *Code* shall be used to interpret the *Code*.

**21.3** The *Code* shall be interpreted as an independent and autonomous text and not by reference to the existing law or statutes of the *Signatories* or governments.

**21.4** The headings used for the various Parts and Articles of the *Code* are for convenience only and shall not be deemed part of the substance of the *Code* or to affect in any way the language of the provisions to which they refer.

**21.5** The *Code* shall not apply retroactively to matters pending before the date the *Code* is accepted by a *Signatory* and implemented in its rules. However, pre-*Code* anti-doping rule violations would continue to count as "first violations" or "second violations" for purposes of determining sanctions under Article 10 for subsequent post-*Code* violations.

**21.6** The Purpose, Scope and Organization of the World Anti-Doping Program and the *Code* and Appendix 1, Definitions shall be considered integral parts of the *Code*.

## **ARTICLE 22 ADDITIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ATHLETES AND OTHER PERSONS**

### **22.1 Roles and Responsibilities of Athletes**

**22.1.1** To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*

**22.1.2** To be available for *Dog's Sample* collection at all times.

**22.1.3** To take responsibility, in the context of anti-doping, for what their *Dogs* ingest and *Use*.

**22.1.4** To inform veterinary or any other personnel of their obligation not to *Use Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* and to take responsibility to make sure that any medical treatment received does not violate these Anti-Doping Rules.

**22.1.5** To disclose to their *National Anti-Doping Organization* and to IFSS any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that the *Athlete* committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten years.

**22.1.6** To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.

**22.1.7** Failure by any *Athlete* to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations, may result in a charge of offence harmful to the sport under IFSS's Disciplinary Code and Procedures.

## **22.2 Roles and Responsibilities of *Dog Support Personnel***

**22.2.1** To be knowledgeable of and comply with these Anti-Doping Rules for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*.

**22.2.2** To cooperate with the *Dog Testing* program.

**22.2.3** To use his or her influence on *Athlete* values and behavior to foster anti-doping attitudes.

**22.2.4** To disclose to his or her *National Anti-Doping Organization* and to IFSS any decision by a non-*Signatory* finding that he or she committed an anti-doping rule violation within the previous ten years.

**22.2.5** To cooperate with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations.

**22.2.6** Failure by any *Dog Support Personnel* to cooperate in full with *Anti-Doping Organizations* investigating anti-doping rule violations may result in charge of offence harmful to the sport under IFSS's Disciplinary Code and Procedures.

**22.2.7** *Dog Support Personnel or Athlete Support Personnel shall not Use or Possess any Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method for Dogs participating in Sleddog Sports without valid justification.*

**22.2.8** *Use or Possession of a Prohibited Substance or Prohibited Method by a Dog Support Personnel or Athlete Support Personnel without valid justification may result in a charge of offence harmful to the sport under IFSS's Disciplinary Code and Procedures.*

## APPENDIX 1 DEFINITIONS

ADAMS: The Anti-Doping Administration and Management System is a Web-based database management tool for data entry, storage, sharing, and reporting designed to assist stakeholders and WADA in their anti-doping operations in conjunction with data protection legislation. However not yet applicable for dogs.

Administration: Providing, supplying, supervising, facilitating, or otherwise participating in the *Use* or *Attempted Use* by another *Person* of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*. However, this definition shall not include the actions of bona fide medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate that such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

ADRV: Anti-Doping Rule Violation

Adverse Analytical Finding: A report from a WADA-approved laboratory or an IFSS approved laboratory that, consistent with the Standard for Animal Laboratories and related Technical Documents, identifies in a *Sample* the presence of a *Prohibited Substance* or its *Metabolites* or *Markers* (including elevated quantities of endogenous substances) or evidence of the *Use* of a *Prohibited Method* in a *Sample* collected from a *Dog* participating in *Sled Dog Sports*.

Anti-Doping Organization: A *Signatory* that is responsible for adopting rules for initiating, implementing or enforcing any part of the *Doping Control* process. This includes, for example, the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, other *Major Event Organizations* that conduct *Testing* at their *Events*, WADA, International Federations, and *National Anti-Doping Organizations*.

Associate Members: Groups or associations sympathizing with sleddog sports may be granted associate membership, provided said groups or associations have aims and objects declared to be and agreed by the Council as being beneficial to the aims and objectives of IFSS.

Athlete: Any *Person* who competes in sport at the international level (as defined by each International Federation), or the national level (as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*). An *Anti-Doping Organization* has discretion to apply anti-doping rules to an *Athlete* who is neither an *International-Level Athlete* nor a *National-Level Athlete*. However, if an Article 2.1, 2.3 or 2.5 anti-doping rule violation is committed by any *Equipage* over whom an *Anti-Doping Organization* has authority who competes below the international or national level, then the

*Consequences* set forth in the *Code* (except Article 14.3.2) must be applied. For purposes of Article 2.8 and Article 2.9 and for purposes of anti-doping information and education, any *Equipage* who participates in sport under the authority of any *Signatory*, government, or other sports organization accepting the *Code* is an *Equipage*.

*Attempt*: Purposely engaging in conduct that constitutes a substantial step in a course of conduct planned to culminate in the commission of an anti-doping rule violation. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on an *Attempt* to commit a violation if the *Person* renounces the *Attempt* prior to it being discovered by a third party not involved in the *Attempt*.

*Atypical Finding*: A report from a WADA-approved laboratory (or an IFSS approved laboratory) which requires further investigation as provided by the Standard for Animal Laboratories or related Technical Documents prior to the determination of an *Adverse Analytical Finding*.

*CAS*: The Court of Arbitration for Sport.

*Code*: The World Anti-Doping Code.

*Competition*: A single race, or singular sport contest. For stage races and other sport contests where prizes are awarded on a daily or other interim basis the distinction between a *Competition* and an *Event* will be as provided in the rules of IFSS

*Consequences of Anti-Doping Rule Violations ("Consequences")*: An *Equipage's* or other *Person's* violation of an Anti-Doping Rule may result in one or more of the following:

- a) *Disqualification* means the *Equipage's* results in a particular *Competition* or *Event* are invalidated, with all resulting *Consequences* including forfeiture of any medals, points and prizes
- b) *Reprimand* is the absolute minimum *Consequence* of an ADRV
- c) *Ineligibility* means the *Equipage* or other *Person* is barred on account of an Anti-Doping Rule violation for a specified period of time from participating in any *Competition* or other activity or funding as provided in Article 10.12.1
- d) *Provisional Suspension* means the *Equipage* or other *Person* is barred temporarily from participating in any *Competition* or activity prior to the final decision at a hearing conducted under Article 8
- e) *Financial Consequences* means a financial sanction imposed for an anti-doping rule violation or to recover costs associated with an anti-doping rule violation; and
- f) *Public Disclosure or Public Reporting* means the dissemination or distribution of information to the general public or *Persons* beyond those *Persons* entitled to earlier notification in accordance with Article 14.

*Equipage(s)* in *Team competitions* may also be subject to *Consequences* as provided in Article 11 of the *Code*.

*Contaminated Product*: A product that contains a *Prohibited Substance* that is not disclosed on the product label or in information available in a reasonable Internet search.

*Controlled List*: The list identifying substances that need *Veterinary Medication Form 1* or *2* properly filled in and approved.

*Disqualification*: See *Consequences* of anti-doping rule violations above.

*Dog*: a *Dog* participating with an *Athlete* in one of the *Sleddog Sports* disciplines. The *Dog* participating with the *Athlete* is regarded as an *Equipage*, irrespective of who is the owner of the *Dog*.

*Dog owner*: Registered owner of the *Dog*. May be the *Athlete* or other natural *Person* or an organization or other entity.

*Dog Support Personnel*: Any person supporting the *Dog* related to a competition, for example a dog handler, a veterinarian or a physiotherapist.

*Dog Team*: consist of one or more *Dog(s)* that participate as one unit. Together with an *Athlete*, the driver, this unit is called an *Equipage*.

*Doping Control*: All steps and processes from test distribution planning through to ultimate disposition of any appeal including all steps and processes in between such as provision of whereabouts information, *Sample* collection and handling, laboratory analysis, Vet Form handling, results management and hearings.

*Equipage*: Consists of one *Athlete* and one or more *Dog(s)* competing as one unit.

*Event*: A series of individual *Competitions* conducted together under one ruling body (e.g., the IFSS World Championships, or Continental Championships).

*Event Venues*: Those venues so designated by the ruling body for the *Event*.

*Event Period*: The time between the beginning and end of an *Event*, as established by the ruling body of the *Event*.

*Fault*: *Fault* is any breach of duty or any lack of care appropriate to a particular situation. Factors to be taken into consideration in assessing an *Athlete* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault* include, for example, the *Athlete's* or other *Person's*

experience, whether the *Athlete* or other *Person* is a *Minor*, special considerations such as impairment, the degree of risk that should have been perceived by the *Athlete* and the level of care and investigation exercised by the *Athlete* in relation to what should have been the perceived level of risk. In assessing the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* degree of *Fault*, the circumstances considered must be specific and relevant to explain the *Athlete's* or other *Person's* departure from the expected standard of behavior. Thus, for example, the fact that an *Athlete* would lose the opportunity to earn large sums of money during a period of *Ineligibility*, or the fact that the *Athlete* only has a short time left in his or her career, or the timing of the sporting calendar, would not be relevant factors to be considered in reducing the period of *Ineligibility* under Article 10.5.1 or 10.5.2.

*In-Competition*: "*In-Competition*" means the period commencing twelve hours before a *Competition* in which the *Equipment* is scheduled to participate through the end of such *Competition* and the *Sample* collection process related to such *Competition*.

*Independent Observer Program*: A team of observers, under the supervision of WADA, who observe and provide guidance on the *Doping Control* process at certain *Events* and report on their observations.

*Individual Sport*: Any sport that is not a *Team Sport*.

*Ineligibility*: See *Consequences of anti-doping rule violations* above.

*International Event*: An *Event* or *Competition* where the International Olympic Committee, the International Paralympic Committee, an International Federation, a *Major Event Organization*, or another international sport organization is the ruling body for the *Event* or appoints the technical officials for the *Event*.

*International Standard*: A standard adopted by WADA in support of the *Code*. Compliance with an *International Standard* (as opposed to another alternative standard, practice or procedure) shall be sufficient to conclude that the procedures addressed by the *International Standard* were performed properly. *International Standards* shall include any Technical Documents issued pursuant to the *International Standard*.

*Major Event Organizations*: The continental associations of *National Olympic Committees* and other international multi-sport organizations that function as the ruling body for any continental, regional or other *International Event*.

*Marker*: A compound, group of compounds or biological variable(s) that indicates the *Use of a Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method*.

*Metabolite*: Any substance produced by a biotransformation process.



Minor: A natural *Person* who has not reached the age of eighteen years.

National Anti-Doping Organization: The entity(ies) designated by each country as possessing the primary authority and responsibility to adopt and implement anti-doping rules, direct the collection of *Samples*, the management of test results, and the conduct of hearings at the national level. If this designation has not been made by the competent public authority(ies), the entity shall be the country's *National Olympic Committee* or its designee.

National Event: A sport *Event* or *Competition* involving *International-* or *National Level* Equipages that is not an *International Event*.

National Federation: A national or regional entity which is a member of or is recognized by IFSS as the entity governing IFSS's sport in that nation or region.

National-Level Athlete: *Athletes* who compete in sport at the national level, as defined by each *National Anti-Doping Organization*, consistent with the International Standard for Testing and Investigations.

National Olympic Committee: The organization recognized by the International Olympic Committee. The term *National Olympic Committee* shall also include the National Sport Confederation in those countries where the National Sport Confederation assumes typical *National Olympic Committee* responsibilities in the anti-doping area.

No Fault or Negligence: The *Athlete* or other *Person's* establishing that he or she did not know or suspect, and could not reasonably have known or suspected even with the exercise of utmost caution, that his or her *Dog* had *Used* or been administered the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or otherwise violated an anti-doping rule. Except in the case of a *Minor*, for any violation of Article 2.1, the *Athlete* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered his or her *Dog*.

No Significant Fault or Negligence: The *Athlete* or other *Person's* establishing that his or her *Fault* or negligence, when viewed in the totality of the circumstances and taking into account the criteria for *No Fault* or negligence, was not significant in relationship to the anti-doping rule violation. Except in the case of a *Minor*, for any violation of Article 2.1, the *Athlete* must also establish how the *Prohibited Substance* entered his or her *Dog*.

Out-of-Competition: Any period which is not *In-Competition*.

Owner: See *Dog Owner*.

Participant: *Equipage or Dog Support Person.*

Person: A natural *Person* or an organization or other entity.

Possession: The actual, physical *Possession*, or the constructive *Possession* (which shall be found only if the *Person* has exclusive control or intends to exercise control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists); provided, however, that if the *Person* does not have exclusive control over the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* or the premises in which a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* exists, constructive *Possession* shall only be found if the *Person* knew about the presence of the *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* and intended to exercise control over it. Provided, however, there shall be no anti-doping rule violation based solely on *Possession* if, prior to receiving notification of any kind that the *Person* has committed an anti-doping rule violation, the *Person* has taken concrete action demonstrating that the *Person* never intended to have *Possession* and has renounced *Possession* by explicitly declaring it to an *Anti-Doping Organization*. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this definition, the purchase (including by any electronic or other means) of a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* constitutes *Possession* by the *Person* who makes the purchase

Prohibited List: The List identifying the *Prohibited Substances* and *Prohibited Methods* for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*.

Prohibited Method: Any method so described on the *Prohibited List* for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*.

Prohibited Substance: Any substance, or class of substances, so described on the *Prohibited List* for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports*.

Provisional Hearing: For purposes of Article 7.9, an expedited abbreviated hearing occurring prior to a hearing under Article 8 that provides the *Athlete* with notice and an opportunity to be heard in either written or oral form.

Provisional Suspension: See *Consequences of anti-doping rule violations* above.

Publicly Disclose or Publicly Report: See *Consequences of anti-doping rule violations* above.

Regional Anti-Doping Organization: A regional entity designated by member countries to coordinate and manage delegated areas of their national anti-doping programs, which may include the adoption and implementation of anti-doping rules, the planning and collection of *Samples*, the management of results, the review of *TUEs*, the conduct of hearings, and the conduct of educational programs at a regional level.

Sample or Specimen: Any biological material collected for the purposes of *Doping Control*.

Signatories: Those entities signing the *Code* and agreeing to comply with the *Code*, as provided in Article 23 of the *Code*.

Sleddog Sports: Sports in which an *Athlete* and his/her *Dog(s)* form together an *Equipage* to perform in *Competition*, on or off snow. *Sleddog Sports* include the following styles:

- **Sled:** Sport activity on snow in which an *Athlete* drives a sled pulled by a *Dog Team* of 2 or more *Dogs*, over a given distance, determined by the size of the *Dog Teams* in the competition class for that discipline: Sprint, Middle Distance; Long Distance; Stage races.
- **Skidogs:** Sport activity on snow in which an *Athlete* on skis, connected by a cord to a *Dog Team* of from one to four *Dog(s)* over a given distance, consisting of these disciplines: Pulka; Skijoring; Combined pulka/skijoring and Team Relay.
- **Dryland:** Sport activity performed in conditions where there is no snow. The *Athlete* either runs behind his or her *Dog* or rides a bicycle or pedals a scooter behind the *Dog*, connected by a cord, or drives a specially-designed cart or rig pulled by a *Dog Team* of from 2 to 8 *Dogs*. Each discipline or class has a specific distance in function of the type of class and number of *Dogs*. The Dryland disciplines are: Cani-Cross; Bikejoring; Scooter; Rig.

Strict Liability: The rule which provides that under Article 2.1 and Article 2.2, it is not necessary that intent, *Fault*, negligence, or knowing *Use* on the *Athlete's* part be demonstrated by the *Anti-Doping Organization* in order to establish an anti-doping rule violation.

Substantial Assistance: For purposes of Article 10.6.1, a *Person* providing *Substantial Assistance* must: (1) fully disclose in a signed written statement all information he or she possesses in relation to anti-doping rule violations, and (2) fully cooperate with the investigation and adjudication of any case related to that information, including, for example, presenting testimony at a hearing if requested to do so by an *Anti-Doping Organization* or hearing panel. Further, the information provided must be credible and must comprise an important part of any case which is initiated or, if no case is initiated, must have provided a sufficient basis on which a case could have been brought.

Tampering: Altering for an improper purpose or in an improper way; bringing improper influence to bear; interfering improperly; obstructing, misleading or engaging in any fraudulent conduct to alter results or prevent normal procedures from occurring.

Target Testing: Selection of specific *Athletes Dogs* for *Testing* based on criteria set forth in the IFSS Standard for Testing.

Team: In *Sleddog Sport* a *Team* is a relay team consisting of two or more Equipages. A *Dog Team* consists of one or more dogs that are running together in the same *Equipage*.

Team Sport: A sport in which the substitution of players is permitted during a *Competition*. (Not applicable for dogs)

Testing: The parts of the *Doping Control* process involving test distribution planning, *Sample* collection, *Sample* handling, and *Sample* transport to the laboratory.

Trafficking: Selling, giving, transporting, sending, delivering or distributing (or *Possessing* for any such purpose) a *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* (either physically or by any electronic or other means) by an *Athlete*, *Athlete* or *Dog Support Person* or any other *Person* subject to the jurisdiction of an *Anti-Doping Organization* to any third party; provided, however, this definition shall not include the actions of "bona fide" medical personnel involving a *Prohibited Substance* used for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or other acceptable justification, and shall not include actions involving *Prohibited Substances* which are not prohibited in *Out-of-Competition Testing* unless the circumstances as a whole demonstrate such *Prohibited Substances* are not intended for genuine and legal therapeutic purposes or are intended to enhance sport performance.

TUE: Therapeutic Use Exemption (TUE), as described in Article 4.4 in the human AD Rules, not applicable for dogs

UNESCO Convention: The International Convention against Doping in Sport adopted by the 33<sup>rd</sup> session of the UNESCO General Conference on 19 October, 2005 including any and all amendments adopted by the States Parties to the Convention and the Conference of Parties to the International Convention against Doping in Sport.

Use: The utilization, application, ingestion, injection or consumption by any means whatsoever of any *Prohibited Substance* or *Prohibited Method* for *Dogs* participating in *Sleddog Sports* or of any *Substance* or *Method* on the *Controlled List* for *Dogs* without an approved *Veterinary Form*.

Veterinary Medication Form 1: VetMedForm 1; a Form to be filled out for some antibiotics, topical eye ointments or drops, medicated topical foot ointments, reproductive hormones, ulcer preventatives and other controlled medications other

than thyroid supplement. The Dog is not allowed to start using the actual medication unless the Race veterinarian approved the application after examination of the Dog.

Veterinary Medication Form 2: VetMedForm 2; a Form authorizing the use of thyroid hormone supplement. The Dog is not allowed to start using the actual medication unless the IFSS Anti-Doping Committee Controlled List Administrator has approved the application.

WADA: The World Anti-Doping Agency.

**APPENDIX 2**  
**COMPETITOR CONSENT FORM**

To be signed by athletes and delivered to RM or dedicated person, before bib is handed out to team leader.

As a member of .....[National Federation]  
and/or a participant in an event authorized or recognized by IFSS, I hereby declare as follows:

1. I agree to provide my own personal health insurance during my stay in .....[country]  
for the Event ..... [Name of the Event].
2. I acknowledge that I am participating at my own risk.
3. I agree that I shall not hold IFSS, the hosting national federation, the local authorities, the organizers or the sponsors liable for any injury, accident or damage to myself, my handlers, my dogs, my vehicle or my equipment.
4. I acknowledge that I am bound by, and confirm that I shall comply with all of the provisions of the IFSS Rules and Regulations, including the IFSS Anti-Doping Rules (as amended from time to time) and the *International Standards* issued by the World Anti-Doping Agency and published on its website.
5. I agree to abide by any decision made at the Event by race officials. In the case of any conflict arising between me and my national federation, IFSS, the hosting national federation, the local authorities, the local organizer and/or the sponsors concerning my participation in the Event, I agree to pursue the matter only through legal provision of said bodies.
6. I acknowledge the authority of IFSS, and its National Federations and/or of the National Anti-Doping Organizations (NADOs) to perform Doping Controls, to manage results and to impose sanctions in accordance with the IFSS Anti-Doping Rules or the ones of the NADO.
7. I also acknowledge and agree that any dispute arising out of a decision made pursuant to the IFSS Anti-Doping Rules, after exhaustion of the process expressly provided for in IFSS Anti-Doping Rules, may be appealed exclusively as provided for in Article 13 of the IFSS Anti-Doping Rules to an appellate body for final and binding arbitration, which in the case of International Events is the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).
8. I acknowledge and agree that the decisions of the arbitral appellate body referenced above shall be final and enforceable, and that I will not bring any claim, arbitration, lawsuit or litigation in any other court or tribunal.
9. I have read and understand the present declaration.

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Date	Competitor's name (in block letters) and signature <i>(If minor, signature of legal guardian)</i>	Date of birth
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*Note: Documents published in the Anti-Doping section of the IFSS website or communicated to the member federations are considered as being distributed to the concerned athletes.*

## **APPENDIX 3**

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