

# MARITIME ASSOCIATION OF HARNESS DOG SPORTS (“MAHDS”)



## REGIONAL CIRCUIT REGULATIONS

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### 1 Number of Circuits

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#### 1.1 Description

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- 1.1.1 There are two (2) regional circuits:
- Dryland
  - Snow

### 2 Classes Included

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#### 2.1 General

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- 2.1.1 Annually the MAHDS board of directors evaluates the disciplines that are offered on the regional event circuits and determines which classes will be considered competitive (where points can be accumulated) and which will be considered recreational or training classes (where points cannot be accumulated). MAHDS may require certain classes be offered at your event in order to meet regional sport building goals.

#### 2.2 Description

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- 2.2.1 Only disciplines listed in Article 2.2.2 of this document will accumulate points for MAHDS annual regional ranking for the 2022-2023 event season.
- 2.2.2 The following are included in the MAHDS regional circuit as competitive disciplines for sprint and standard distances for the 2022-2023 event season:
- 1-dog canicross
  - 1-dog bikejoring
  - 1-dog canitrail
  - 1-dog skjoring
  - 2-dog kicksledding

**NOTE:** In order for a sprint or standard distance category to be included for points in a competitive discipline, there must be three (3) classes offered at that distance

2.2.3 The following disciplines and distances are included in the MAHDS regional circuit as recreational or training classes for the 2022-23 event season:

- 2-dog bikejoring
- 1-dog scooter
- 2-dog scooter
- 1-dog fatbikejoring
- 2-dog fatbikejoring
- 2-dog skijoring
- 4-dog sled
- Any discipline under the enduro distance category

### **3 Points Categories**

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#### **3.1 General Categories**

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3.1.1 Points categories for MAHDS annual rankings are determined by age and sex. Please see Articles 3.2 and 3.3 of this document for further description.

3.1.2 MAHDS also introduced a team category in 2019. Please see Article 3.4 of this document for further information on this category.

3.1.3 Event Organizers are not required to follow these categories for awards and may decide how they wish to allocate awards at their events. For example, an event organizer may choose to simply award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd overall with no regard to age or sex at a particular event.

#### **3.2 Age Groups**

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3.2.1 For the purposes of year-end points for the regional circuit, age is to be determined by birth year as if the participant was born on January 1st of the calendar year in which the event falls.

3.2.2 Annual points will be awarded in each of the competitive disciplines listed in Article 2.1.2 of this document to the following groups where a minimum of five (5) participants within the category have participated in a minimum of 60% of the year's sanctioned events:

- Men U18
- Men 18-39
- Men 40+
- Women U18
- Women 18-39
- Women 40+
- Overall

### **3.3 Distance Categories**

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3.3.1 Distance categories include:

- Sprint
- Standard
- Endurance

3.3.2 The definition of these distance categories is dependant on the sport to which it applies. See Article 15 of the document, "*Requirements for Race Organizers*" for further description.

### **3.4 Team Awards**

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3.4.1 Teams will be made up of MAHDS members in good standing who are also registered members in good standing of a MAHDS member club. Please see the MAHDS website for a current list of sanctioned member clubs.

3.4.2 Teams will consist of three (3) or more participants to a maximum of five (5) participants per team belonging to the same MAHDS member club.

3.4.3 A member club may enter more than one team in an event as long as each team has a minimum of three (3) participants.

3.4.4 Points will be awarded to the first three (3) individual runners of eligible teams to cross the finish line, equal to the position in which they cross the finish line (where 1st place equals 1 point, 2nd place equals 2 points, etc.) The points for these runners are summed, and teams will be ranked from lowest to highest. The lowest score wins.

Example:

- Team A has placings of 1, 5, 6 = 12 points = 1st place team
- Team B has placings of 3, 4, 9 = 16 points = 2nd place team
- Team C has placings of 2, 7, 8 = 17 points = 3rd place team

**NOTE:** Where a team consists of four (4) or five (5) participants, only the first three (3) participants' points will be counted toward the team's overall points, however the runners who finish 4th and 5th within their own team will still play an important role, displacing other runners from accumulating those points.

## **4 Points Calculation Method**

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### **4.1 Eligibility**

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4.1.1 To accumulate points on the regional circuit, the participant must be a member of MAHDS in good standing for the calendar year in which points are calculated.

## 4.2 Formula

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4.2.1 Points will only be awarded for each class which forms part of the regional circuit. Please see Article 2.2.2 for a list of these classes for the current year.

4.2.2. The formula for determining each participant's points for individual classes will be as follows:

$$(A/B)*100$$

- A = Time of the fastest participant in seconds
- B = Participant's time

Points should be rounded to the nearest whole number unless there is a tie, in which case, they may be rounded to the first decimal place.

4.2.3. The first place finisher will receive 100 points plus an additional allotment of points based on the number of participants in the class (for example, if the 1st place finisher is competing in a field of 20, they would receive a total of 120 points).

4.2.4 **Annual Rankings:** For the purposes of MAHDS annual rankings, an individual member's points will be calculated for each class using their top three (3) finishes.

## 5 Continuous Ranking for Race Start Order

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### 5.1 General

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5.1.1 Continuous ranking is used to determine the start order for an event.

### 5.2 Calculation for Determination of Start Order

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5.2.1 Starting lists for Regional Circuit classes will be determined by our continuous ranking system.

5.2.2 Members will be allocated into categories based on their prior race results for the purposes of starting orders, as follows:

- Category A is the top 25% of competitors;
- Category B is the 2nd 25% of competitors;
- Category C is the 3rd 25% of competitors; and
- Category D is the 4th 25% of competitors, including those MAHDS members with no prior race results.

5.2.3 Category A competitors will go first in each race followed by each subsequent category.

5.2.4 Starting orders within each category will be determined by random selection.

5.2.5 Non-members will be included within Category D unless an exception has been applied for and approved by the MAHDS Event Coordinator appointed to the event by the MAHDS Board of Directors.

5.2.6 Starting lists for Off-Circuit classes will be determined at the discretion of the MAHDS Event Coordinator appointed to the event by the MAHDS Board of Directors.