

Organization for the Working Samoyed Awards Program

2011-2012 Award Year

Sled Dog Racing Venue Information



Venue Specific Rules:

- Maximum number of competitions is THREE (3) for the Annual and Most Improved awards, unlimited for the Achievement award.
- Races must cover at least one mile per dog.
- All races must adhere to ISDRA-type rules.
- If a team goes out the first day of a two heat race but does not finish the race that day (returns to the starting line before completing the course) the other teams may count that team as one of the teams defeated. The DNF team is counted as a defeated team in the total tally. A disqualified team will not count as one team defeated.
- In applying the formula to determine points earned by a team in a race event, the number of dogs counted shall be determined by the number of dogs on the team which complete the first heat of the event. For example, a 4 dog team which completes the first heat with all dogs, and drops a dog on the second heat shall count 4 dogs as having competed.
- Times are calculated in minute & decimal format. To obtain decimal format, multiply seconds by 1.667, then round to 2 decimal places.

Rules Governing Top Sled Dog Racing Team:

- Each race must be open to all breeds and must have been advertised to the general mushing public. Strictly club races will not be counted towards Annual Awards.
- The team must consist entirely of purebred Samoyeds
- Each driver must be an OWS member in good standing
- One dog may not be substituted for another during race heats.

Rules governing earning points for the Achievement Award via Sled Dog Racing:

- Dogs of OWS members can earn points toward their Achievement Awards even if the driver is not an OWS member.
- Strictly club races (which have not been advertised to the general racing public) may count towards the Achievement Award.
- No dog can earn points toward an Achievement Award unless the team on which it competes completes ALL heats offered for a single race event. No points are earned for any dog if the team completes only one heat in a multiple heat race.
- A dog may earn points toward the Achievement Award via Sled Dog Racing only if it runs at least 75% of the race and completes 100% of the first heat. A dog that returns from the first heat "in the bag" or on the sled is ineligible to run any subsequent heats of that race.
- Leader points can be earned for the Achievement Award by ONLY TWO dogs on the same team during a single race event. A "race event" is defined by the total number of heats that make up the race as sponsored by the race-giving organization. The "leader" formula may be applied only to dogs that complete at least the LAST 50% of the race.

