

# INVITATION TO



## IFSS LONG DISTANCE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2023 FINNMARKSLØPET

Alta, Norway  
March 10-19, 2023

We warmly welcome you to participate in the IFSS Long Distance World Championships 2023 - Finnmarksløpet.

This is an Invitation with basic information for the IFSS Long Distance World Championships 2023 - Finnmarksløpet. Visit <https://www.finnmarkslopet.no/home/> for complete and up-to-date information about the event.

Facts about Finnmarksløpet:

*Finnmarksløpet is Europe's longest sled dog race and attracts many of the world's greatest mushers. The race is set in Europe's northernmost county, through the wild and rough nature of Finnmark.*

*The weather can be unpredictable, varying from plus 5 to minus 40 degrees, the trails are long and lonely and the severe lack of sleep the mushers experience are all factors in creating one of the most extreme and challenging dog sled races in the world.*

*The dogs and mushers must be top-trained, and the trust between the musher and their dogs is crucial to succeed in Finnmarksløpet. This can only be achieved by taking good care of the dogs, and giving them plenty of attention, food, and rest.*

**LOCATION:** Alta, Norway

<https://www.google.com/maps/place/Alta,+Norja/@69.9614013,23.2765794,13z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x45cf1470ea806115:0xb7031db51607bfb3!8m2!3d69.9687376!4d23.2715496>

**TECHNICAL ORGANIZER:** Finnmarksløpet AS

Web site: <https://www.finnmarkslopet.no/home/>

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP CLASSES:**

- Finnmarksløpet junior (FL-JUNIOR)
- Finnmarksløpet 600 (FL-600)
- Finnmarksløpet 1200 (FL-1200)

As stated in the IFSS Championships Regulations (approved by the IFSS Member Federations at the GA 2022):

- World Champion titles shall be awarded to the best (fastest) teams of each rated class of the World Championships provided that at least ten (10) competitors from five (5) countries are represented in these classes; except in junior class where at least three (3) competitors from two (2) countries are represented.
- If there are ten (10) or more competitors from five (5) countries after the late entry deadline, but there are effectively fewer than ten (10) competitors and/or fewer than five (5) countries the first day of the competition (three (3) competitors and/or two (2) countries for junior class), the class will be run and the Champion title will be awarded.
- If the points mentioned above are met for RNB teams, they will be awarded in their own class.

### **NOMINATIONS:**

The IFSS invites gold medal winners from the IFSS/WSA Long Distance World Championships 2022 (Polardistans, classes 300, 8 dog and 12 dog) to participate in the IFSS Long Distance World Championship 2023 - Finnmarksløpet as preselected competitor in class FL-600. The preselected competitors can participate without paying an entry fee.

Competitors from each Voting National Member and Provisional Member in good standing with the IFSS (all dues paid) may register to the event. There is no quota.

All competitors (also preselected) do the registration personally. All competitors must hold a valid DID number (Driver Identification Number) for the registration. A DID number must be requested by a Voting National Member or Provisional Member of IFSS. Individuals cannot apply DID number directly from IFSS. More information concerning DID number can be found from IFSS website <https://sleddogsport.net/eng/65>. NOTE! A valid DID number is a signal to IFSS and RGO that the DID holder is entitled to represent his/her Member Federation in the event.

### **REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEES:**

All registrations and payments shall be done according to the instructions given by the Race Organizer (<https://www.finnmarkslopet.no/home/>).

### **RACE RULES:**

Finnmarksløpet Rules (<https://www.finnmarkslopet.no/home-rules/>) and Norwegian Sled Dog Racing Association (NHF) Rules (<https://www.sleddog.no/rules-and-regulations/>) will apply. Be aware that the Finnmarksløpet Rules are not complete and there may be small changes coming this fall due to new regulations.

### **ANTI-DOPING:**

Doping tests for drivers and dogs may be performed.

The following list of forbidden substances for athletes will apply:

- <https://www.wada-ama.org/en/prohibited-list>

WADA list of forbidden substances for humans, the IFSS list of forbidden substances for dogs and the IFSS Anti-Doping Rules and Regulations:

- <http://www.sleddogsport.net/library>