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## MUSHING AND CANINE SPORTS OF NUEVO LEÓN

### INVITES

To all athletes and enthusiasts of dog sledding sports from Mexico, we extend an invitation to take part in the event "The North Dryland Race," which is part of the series of races organized by the Mexican Federation of Canine Dryland (FEMEDCAN A.C.) to form the national selection that will attend the IFSS Latin American Championships 2024 and the IFSS World Championships 2025, under the following:

### GUIDELINES

#### 1. PARTICIPANTS

##### 1.1 ATHLETES

Mexican nationals residing within the national territory or abroad, as well as foreign athletes eligible to represent Mexico in international events and who meet the requirements of this call.

##### 1.2 TECHNICAL MANAGEMENT

Shall be responsible for organizing and conducting each of the sports disciplines, as well as for appointing and validating Judges, referees, and Technical Personnel. This body will be appointed by FEMEDCAN A.C."

#### 2. STAGES AND GENERAL DATES

ETAPA	FECHA	DESCRIPCIÓN
REGISTRATION	Oct 1st, 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Registration on the website <a href="http://www.thenorthdrylandrace.com">www.thenorthdrylandrace.com</a></li><li>- Accommodation booking with 50% deposit</li><li>- Exclusive Competitor Kit gifts</li></ul>
Vaccines	Jan 13, 24	
RACE	Feb 3 to 5, 24	Linares, Nuevo León
AWARDS CEREMONY	Feb 5th, 24	12:00 hrs Hotel Rancho Sotolar's Esplanade





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### 3. SELECTION PROCESS

This event is eligible for ranking to participate in the IFSS Latin American Championships 2024 and the IFSS World Championships 2025, following the criteria established by FEMEDCAN A.C.

### 4. VENUE

The event will take place at the Hotel Rancho Sotolar, Ejido Emiliano Zapata, Linares, Nuevo León. Rancho Sotolar - Glamping & Hotel  
<https://goo.gl/maps/L4LnL1td1YWsdGGbA>

#### 4.1 ACCOMMODATION

Hotel Rancho Sotolar: Offers ample camping space. It has 12 Glamping Cabins, 20 hotel rooms, 2 cabins equipped for groups of 10 or more people, and over 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> for camping.

- 5 minutes from convenience stores in Ejido Emiliano Zapata
- 15 minutes from downtown Linares
- 1.5 hours from Monterrey
- 2 hours from Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas
- 2.5 hours from Saltillo, Coahuila
- 3 hours from Reynosa, Tamaulipas

**Important:** Reservations for 'The North Dryland Race' at Hotel Rancho Sotolar can only be made on the website [www.thenorthdrylandrace.com](http://www.thenorthdrylandrace.com) for a minimum of two nights. It's important to note that the prices listed on the website are per room per night.

### 5. CATEGORIES AND DIVISIONS

The competition will be divided into various categories and divisions to ensure a fair and exciting race experience for all participants. Here are the details:





Clases y edad en competencia estilo "Dryland"							
Categorie		Age		Categorie		Age	
		Mín	Máx.			Mín.	Máx.
Rig 4 Dogs Junior	DR4J	14	18	Bikejoring Women	DBW	19	99
Rig 4 Dogs	DR4	19	99	Bikejoring Men	DBM	19	99
Rig 6 Dogs	DR6	19	99	Bikejoring Women Master	DBWV	40	99
Rig 8 Dogs	DR8	19	99	Bikejoring Men Master	DBMV	40	99
Scooter 2 Dogs	DS2	19	99	Bikejoring Women Junior	DBWJ	14	18
Scooter 1 Dog	DS1	19	99	Bikejoring Men Junior	DBMJ	14	18
Scooter 1 Dog Junior	DS1J	14	18	Canicross Women Master	DCWV	40	99
Scooter 1 Dog Young	DS1Y	11	13	Canicross Men Master	DCMV	40	99
				Canicross Women	DCW	19	99
				Canicross Men	DCM	19	99
				Canicross Women Junior	DCWJ	14	18
				Canicross Men Junior	DCMJ	14	18
				Canicross Women Young	DCWY	11	13
				Canicross Men Young	DCMY	11	13

## CANICROSS

Please note that each category and division has specific age and gender requirements. This diverse range of categories allows participants of all skill levels and ages to showcase their talents and compete in the exhilarating The North Dryland Race.





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## 6. REGISTRATIONS

### 6.1 PRE-REGISTRATIONS

Special price for pre-registrations from September 1, 2023, until further notice:

- FEMEDCAN Members: \$40 USD
- Independent Participants: \$42.86 USD
- Non-FEMEDCAN Members: \$45.71 USD
- Accompanying Guests: \$28.57 USD

### 6.2 REGISTRATIONS

Registrations will be conducted on the website: [www.thenorthdrylandrace.com](http://www.thenorthdrylandrace.com)

#### 6.2.1 PARTICIPATION KITS

Participant Kits will be provided to athletes and will include Race Chip, Sponsor Gifts, Surprise Gifts to be announced on the aforementioned social media platforms, and two camping nights area access, 1 dinner.

### 6.3 CHECK-IN

February 3, 2024, starting at 06:00 hrs.

### 6.4 ELIGIBILITY

The eligibility of each team is the responsibility of the participants themselves, as well as ensuring proper participation in each event, registration, entry, and accreditation in the respective categories.

#### 6.4.1 THE ATHLETE

Valid ID Photo or Copy

Scanned and signed Liability Waiver Letter.

#### 6.4.2 THE DOG(S)

Up-to-date vaccination record photo or copy: complete and current within a year, including Rabies, Multiple (distemper, adenovirus, leptospirosis, influenza, coronavirus, and parvovirus) vaccines. Also, the bordetella vaccine (commonly known as kennel cough) Application deadline by January 13, 2024. Current deworming is recommended.





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Dogs older than 18 months. A dog's age is calculated as of the first day of competition.

## **7. EQUIPMENT**

The mandatory presentation of competition gear complies with the regulations.

### **7.1 CANICROSS**

Harness

1.5 to 2.5 m extended tugline  
canicross belt

### **7.2 BIKEJORING/SCOOTER**

Harness

2 to 3 m extended tugline  
Helmet

### **7.3 OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT**

These items are not mandatory but can enhance safety during practice in any of the disciplines:

Gloves

Extra protections (elbow pads, knee pads, chest guard)

Boots for dogs

Goggles

Antenna

Appropriate terrain footwear

Quick-release carabiner (M.L.R)

Action camera.

## **8. RULES**

### **8.1 RACE**

The application of race rules will follow the guidelines set by the International Federation of Sleddog Sports (IFSS).





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Document: IFSS RACE RULES 2022 - 2024

<https://sleddogsport.net/library/default.aspx> / To download, click on REGULATIONS / RACE RULES

### **8.1.1 JUDGING AND RULE APPLICATION**

As an official event of the Mexican Federation of Canine Dryland (FEMEDCAN A.C.), it will be responsible for enforcing these rules.

### **8.2 ADMINISTRATIVE**

Matters arising from behavior outside the competition area that directly affect the conduct of this competition or cause damage to the event venue will be governed by the EVENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEE. Their decision will be final and binding.

### **9. MEDICAL SERVICES**

An ambulance will be available during the event days during race hours. Veterinary medical services will also be available during the event days during race hours.

### **10. AWARDS**

A minimum of 3 participants in each category is required for awards. If the minimum is not met, categories may be combined with earlier ones.

Participants will receive participation medals.

### **11. PRE-EVENT MEETING**

Pre-event meetings will be held on the participants' welcome day, presided over by a representative of the Local Organizing Committee, a representative of FEMEDCAN A.C., and the Technical Director of the Competition.





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## APPENDIX I

### SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, February 3, 2024:

- 06:00 hrs - Venue access opens at Hotel Rancho Sotolar.
- 10:00 - 17:00 hrs - Registration, kit distribution, documentation review, and veterinary check.
- 15:00 hrs - Route recognition opens
- 19:00 hrs - Organizers and judges meeting
- 20:00 hrs - Team Leaders and Independents meeting
- 21:00 hrs - Commemorative opening dinner

#### Sunday, February 4, 2024:

- 06:45 hrs - Start of the first heat according to the draw
- 12:00 hrs - Official results publication and starting order for the second heat

#### Monday, February 5, 2024:

- 06:45 hrs - Start of the second heat
- 12:00 hrs - Final results publication
- 13:30 hrs - Awards, Raffle, and event closing.

### VENUE AMENITIES AT HOTEL RANCHO SOTOLAR

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Rivers near camping, glamping, and hotel areas.  
Children's play areas.  
Variety of MTB trails.  
Private dams.  
Bonfire area.  
Covered outdoor space.  
Soccer fields.  
Meeting rooms.  
Kitchenette.

#### GLAMPING:

Enclosed area near camping.  
WiFi.  
Bathrooms.  
Hot water.  
Grills.  
Air conditioning.  
Kitchenette.  
Mini-bar.  
Towels.

#### CAMPING:

Separate bathrooms for men and women.  
Enclosed area.  
WiFi.

#### HOTEL:

Enclosed area. WiFi.  
Bathrooms.  
Hot water. Grills.  
Air conditioning.  
Kitchenette.  
Mini-bar.  
Cable TV.  
Towels.

