



AUSTRALIAN SLEDDOG SPORTS ASSOCIATION INC

SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

<u>OBJECTIVE</u>	To enhance and promote professional animal and human behaviour at all ASSA Affiliated sled dog races and events.
<u>DEFINITION – ABUSE REFERS TO:</u>	Any person who is found to have been verbally and or physically abusive to Dog/s, Musers, Sponsors, Spectators or Officials.
<u>MUSER SPORTSMANSHIP REGISTER</u>	If a Complaint is proven, the name and address of the person concerned will be entered into the ASSA Sportsmanship Register.
<u>PROCEDURE</u>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A complaint is made in writing to the RACE MARSHALL at an ASSA affiliated race or event, reporting the Abusive behaviour. The complaint must identify the alleged abusive person, the event date, time and circumstances. 2. The Race Marshall and/or Race Club official will forward this written complaint to the ASSA Secretary and the Race Marshall shall be invited to make comment on the complaint but this is not mandatory. 3. The alleged person involved will receive notification of the complaint and will be asked if there are any extenuating circumstances. 4. If the person does not provide sufficient information or is unable to justify their behaviour, ASSA may issue the 'first written warning'. The name of the person will be listed in the ASSA Sportsmanship Register as 'received first written warning'. This decision will be made by the ASSA National Council Executive and the relevant ASSA State Representative (which shall then be called 'the Tribunal') 5. If the same person is reported a second time at an ASSA affiliated race or event Procedures 1 to 3 shall be followed. ASSA may then if it sees fit issue a 'second written warning' to the person. The name of the person will be listed in the ASSA Sportsmanship Register as 'received second written warning'. 6. If two written notices are sent, the person may be refused entry at any ASSA affiliated race or event. 7. The person may appeal this decision – refer to 'Right of Appeal' below. 8. The person is entitled at any time following six months from the second written warning to make a submission to ASSA showing 'Just Cause' for future entry to ASSA Affiliated Club races or event.



<p><u>RIGHT OF APPEAL</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. After receiving the second warning notice, the person is entitled to appeal the decision by writing to ASSA and setting out the grounds for appeal. 2. ASSA will hold a meeting at a time nominated by ASSA. In attendance will be the National Council and the relevant ASSA State Representative ('the Tribunal'). 3. The Tribunal may seek further information from any party and adjourn the appeal meeting if necessary. 4. If it is proven that the person did not verbally or physically abuse a Dog/s, Musher, Spectator or Official, the person's name shall be removed from the ASSA Sportsmanship Register'.
<p><u>COMMENTS</u></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Information stored in the ASSA database will be available to any Race Organising Committee, Australia-wide. 2. Should an incident be proven that ASSA deems to be severe in its action, ASSA reserves the right to ban the person from any further ASSA events indefinitely or for a defined period of time, notify all other clubs and refer the matter to the relevant legal authorities. 3. This Policy will not interfere or override any rules or obligations of the Race Marshall or Race Organising Committee who have complete control of any Mushers and/or spectators behaviour and the action taken on the day. 4. The Policy is not to replace any decisions of an individual Race Organising Committee. 5. NOTE: As this Policy has recently been drafted, amendments will be made as required. 6. All communication to be sent to the ASSA Secretary, Pikatti Cottage, 86 Smiths Lane, Trawalla, Vic 3373