



**SANDY POINT SCARPER I**  
**and**  
**SANDY POINT SCARPER II**

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***Come and experience New Zealand's  
southern-most sled dog race, run on  
NZ's first purpose-built Sled Dog Area.***

***King's Birthday Weekend***  
**Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 June 2023**

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Hosted by Southland Sled Dog Association

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**Separate NZFSS SANCTIONING applied for, for each day.**

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## **General Information**

### **COVID-19 considerations**

- 1. If you have cold or flu like symptoms, please do not attend!**  
If you are unable to attend because of this, or because you are self-isolating, a full refund will be provided. Please provide details to [ssdaracesec@gmail.com](mailto:ssdaracesec@gmail.com)
- 2. Sneeze and cough into your elbow!**
- 3. Wash your hands regularly.**
- 4. We will be following all current Ministry of Health Guidelines relevant to the COVID-19.**  
Other measures may need to be implemented to meet those requirements.

### **Sled Dog Area**

Logging at the Sled Dog area has significantly affected the network of trails, but, thanks to the dedication of club members and support of the Parks Division of ICC, the trails available this year will provide both variety and challenges for the participating teams.

### **General Trail Description**

All the racing during the Scarper weekend will be run on loop trails from a common staging area, with Start and Finish within 100m of one another.

The running surface in the open areas will generally be cut grass (bit lumpy in places) and bare patches of sand. The terrain is essentially flat with a few undulating sections over old sand dunes. There are also some negative camber corners on the trail network.

There are sections of the trails that meander through pine forest and, as a consequence, there are some tight bends, and several places where the tree spacing narrows the trail - passing may not be practical everywhere. This applies particularly to the larger teams. A program of trail widening is an ongoing process.

Common sense and good sportsmanship must prevail.

The SSDA Race Committee will confirm all courses prior to the Musers' Meeting taking into consideration track conditions, logging and weather. It should be noted that, even though the area is situated on a well- drained sandy base, during and immediately following heavy rain, there will be standing water along sections of the trails and probably a bit of mud too. There is also a chance of encountering the odd shallow wheel rut - rigs and scooters with a knobby front tyre will be the least affected.

Detailed trail conditions will be available at the compulsory Musers' Meeting.

For more information about the Scarper please

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## Schedule of Events – Saturday

### Saturday 3 June – Scarper Fest (non-sanctioned)

**3.7km (mid morning) Senior (Mens & Womens) Canicross 1 dog**

**2.3km (mid morning) Junior (16 and under) Canicross 1 dog**

This will be a **mass start** with Senior and Junior (16 and under) starting together. Both will be loop courses finishing at the CaniDen. The Junior course will shortcut the Senior course. Juniors may choose to enter the relevant Senior class if they wish. **Reminder: Dogs must be at least 18 months of age.**

**3.0km (late morning) Bikejor 1 dog**

The trail will be a loop track with the finish at the CaniDen. Start interval: 30 seconds.

**Reminder: Dogs must be at least 18 months of age.**

**2.3km (late morning) Veteran Dog(s) (8 years +) 1 or 2 dog**

The trail will be a loop track with the finish at the CaniDen. Start interval: 30 seconds.

### **Kavik's Memorial Walk (Midday)**

A guided meander through parts of our trail network. Approximately 45 minutes.

### Saturday 3 June – Scarper I (sanctioning applied for - except Junior classes)

**1.7km (mid afternoon) Junior Beginner (unsanctioned) 1 dog**

This event will start off Scarper I. The trail will be a loop track with the finish at the CaniDen. An adult must accompany each musher around the course and stay in contact with the musher to the finish.

Start interval: 30 seconds.

**2.3km (mid afternoon) Junior Advanced (unsanctioned) 1 dog**

The trail will be a loop track with the finish at the CaniDen. Marshals will be positioned around the trail.

Start interval: 30 seconds.

**3.3km (late afternoon) 2 dog Scooter**

The trail will be a loop track with the finish at the CaniDen. Start interval: 30 seconds.

**3.3km (late afternoon) 1 dog Freight + 1 dog Scooter**

This event will run over the same course as the previous (2 dog Scooter) class. Freight teams will be drawn first.

Start interval: 30 seconds.

**5.2km (early evening) 2 dog Freight + 2 and 3 dog Rig**

The start and finish sections of this course will be the same as the scooter classes. This event will be run at dusk so adequate lighting is mandatory. The trail will be marked with reflectorised markers. Freight teams will be drawn first.

Start interval: 1 minute.

**5.2km (evening) 4 and 6 dog Rig**

This event will run on the same course as previous rig classes and will begin 10 minutes after the last 2/3 dog team departs. It will be run after dark so adequate lighting is mandatory. The trail will be marked with reflectorised markers.

Start interval: 1 minute.

## **Schedule of Events – Sunday**

### **Sunday 4 June – Scarper II (sanctioning applied for)**

#### **5.2km (early morning) 4 and 6 dog Rig**

The trail for this class will be run on open generally flat terrain except for a few short, sharp ascents and descents that will require good control. Please note that there will also be a number of blind corners and sharp bends that may need to be taken at a controlled speed. The event will start in darkness so lighting will be mandatory.

Start interval: 1 minute.

#### **5.2km (morning) 2 dog Freight + 2 and 3 dog Rig**

The trail for this class will be the same as the 6 and 4 dog rig class above. First team will follow on from the final 4/6 dog team. Freight teams will be drawn first.

Start interval: 1 minute.

#### **3.3km (mid-morning) 1 dog Freight + 1 dog Scooter**

The course for this event is a shortened version of the above Rig course and contains similar elements. Freight teams will be drawn first.

Start interval: 30 seconds.

#### **3.3km (mid to late morning) 2 dog Scooter**

The course for this event is the same as the 1 dog Scooter class above. Start interval: 30 seconds.

### **Sun 4 June – Scarper Finale (non-sanctioned)**

#### **2 x 2.3km (late morning) Canicross/Bikejor/Individual Medley/Team Medley Relay 1 dog**

Both individuals and teams may enter this event. Individuals may choose to do one discipline (Canicross or Bikejor), or both. Teams will consist of one doing Canicross and one doing Bikejor. Canicross will start first as a mass start. Bikejor team-mate can start when his/her Canicross team-mate has crossed the finish line.

The changeover area will be between the Finish & Start lines. Individuals doing both disciplines will have their bike ready for their Bikejor in this area.

Other Individual Bikejor participants will be teamed up with a Canicross participant. This means that one Canicross participant may initiate the changeover of more than one Bikejor participant. This will only occur if there are more doing Bikejor than Canicross.

It is intended that the timekeeping will include split times so the results will show all participant and team times and placings.

The last finisher in this event will have the duty of switching off the Red Lantern at the prize giving to signify that everyone has been accounted for and that racing for the 2023 Sandy Point Scarper has concluded.

**Please note:** all course distances listed are approximate.

## **Timetable**

### **Saturday 4 June**

9:00am	Scarper Fest Registration
9:15am	Compulsory Musers' Meeting and bib draw for Scarper Fest (Canicross, Bikejor, and Veterans). Venue: Scout Camp Common Room. Followed by gear inspection.
10:00am	1 dog Canicross – Senior and Junior. Mass start.
10:45am	1 dog Bikejor. Start interval: 30 seconds.
11:30am	1 & 2 dog Veterans. Start interval: 30 seconds.
12:15pm	Kavik's Memorial Walk (approx. 45min)
2:00pm	Compulsory Musers' Meeting and bib draw for Scarper I. Venue: Scout Camp Common Room. Followed by gear inspection.
3:15pm	Scarper I (non-sanctioned) 1 dog Junior Beginner. Start interval: 30 seconds.
3:45pm	Scarper I (non-sanctioned) 1 dog Junior Advanced. Start interval: 30 seconds.
4:30pm	Scarper I 2 dog Scooter. Start interval: 30 seconds.
5:15pm	Scarper I 1dog Freight & 1 dog Scooter. Start interval: 30 seconds.
6:00pm	Scarper I 2 dog Freight, 2 & 3 dog Rig followed by 4 & 6 dog Rig (10 minute break between last 2/3 dog team and first 4/6 dog team). Start interval: 1 minute. Lights mandatory.
7:25pm	Supper. Venue: Scout Camp Common Room.
7:30pm	Scarper Fest & Scarper I results posted. Venue: Scout Camp Common Room.
8:00pm	Scarper Fest & Scarper I prizegiving followed by compulsory Musers' Meeting and bib draw for Scarper II sanctioned events.

### **Sunday 5 June**

7:30am	Scarper II 4 & 6 dog Rig followed by 2 dog Freight, 2 & 3 dog Rig. Start interval: 1 minute. Lights mandatory.
8:30am	Scarper II 1 dog Freight & 1 dog Scooter. Start interval: 30 seconds.
9:15am	Scarper II 2 dog Scooter. Start interval: 30 seconds.
10:30am	Scarper Finale Briefing. Venue: Oustide CaniDen.
10:45am	Scarper Finale. 1 dog Medley Relay/Canicross/Bikejor. Mass start (Canicross).
11:55am	Scarper II and Scarper Finale results posted. Venue: Scout Camp Common Room.
12:00pm	Brunch followed by Scarper II & Scarper Fest prizegiving. Venue: Scout Camp Common Room.

**Please note:**

**Times are approximate and, whilst we will endeavour to adhere to the timetable, there is a margin of error due to unforeseen circumstances.  
If in doubt, check with the Head Timekeeper.**

## **Some Important Points**

- As always, the Race Marshall's decision is final.
- As a consequence of our Safety Management Plan:
  - Safety helmets will be compulsory for all classes, except Canicross.
  - Neckline connecting double lead dogs is mandatory.
  - We discourage competitors from bagging dogs, particularly in bags that are not adequately ventilated. If a dog cannot continue racing, the musher must assess the condition of the dog to ensure the dog will not overheat in the rig bag. We recommend that you move the team to a safe position off the trail and wait until the dog has cooled down sufficiently to be safely carried in the rig bag or wait to be picked up. We encourage mushers to carry water/bowl. If necessary, a recovery vehicle will be available to transport any dropped dog or team back to the staging area.
- Musher packs will be distributed to all mushers at the compulsory Mushers' Meetings on Saturday 3 June.
- It is recommended that you have an effective headlight as it can be dark in forested areas of the trails. Tail light and headlight are mandatory for both rig races.
- Class changes for sanctioned events, after entries have been accepted, must be accompanied by "just cause" and must be presented to the Race Marshall before the relevant Mushers' Meeting. The Race Marshall's decision will be final.
- Classes may only be run if there are three (3) or more entries received by the official closing date (19 May 2023). If there are insufficient entries for any given class, mushers who have entered for that class may be contacted regarding alternative options.
- Dogs must be kept on a lead at all times and are not allowed into any buildings at the race venue.
- Noise is not a factor - nearest neighbours are a long way off. However, there will be people who want a good night's sleep so please be considerate.
- All holes are to be filled in, and all dog mess disposed of appropriately; rubbish bins will be available.
- All dogs (whether racing or just staying at the Scout Camp) must have been immunised and be free of infectious disease.
- Remember - never bring any dog that may have been exposed to a contagious disease to a race.
- It is the responsibility of the musher to ensure that all the dogs he/she will be racing are appropriately conditioned and in a fit state to complete the race(s), and to monitor the wellbeing of their dogs.
- It is envisaged that a competitor can enter a number of sanctioned events provided they have sufficient dogs and/or the dogs are adequately conditioned for the workload. However, this will be at the competitor's own risk. There is no guarantee that the competitor will have enough time to complete one event and get to the start in time for the next event. There is a risk that a competitor's bib draws for consecutive events will not allow enough time to make the following start time. If a team is not in the start chute in time for their start, it will be treated as a missed start under the rules.
- **Cancellations:** Any entry cancellation received a minimum of 5 days prior to the first event will be eligible for a full refund. Any cancellation received within the 5 days prior to the first event MAY be eligible for a partial refund upon assessment by the SSDA committee after the event. Please allow 14 days after the event for any refund to be processed.

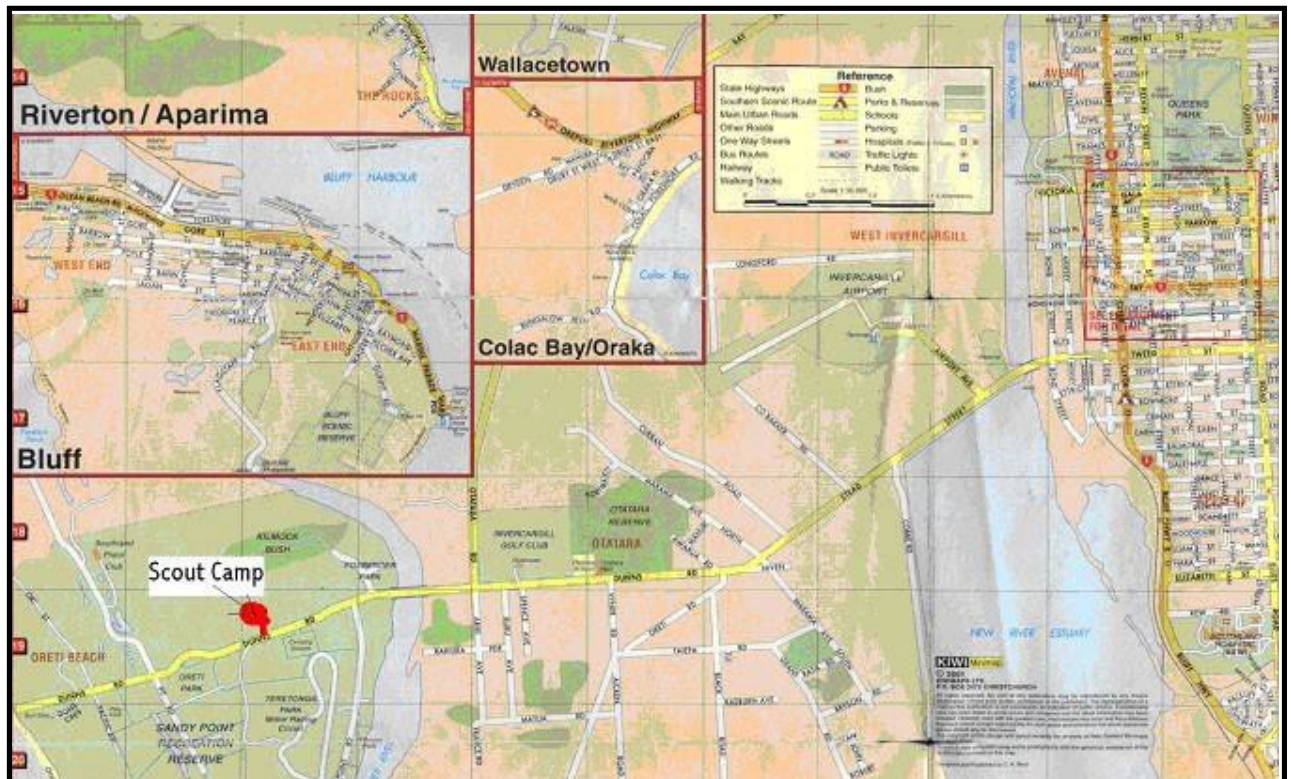
## Accommodation

As always, accommodation for the mushers is available at the 'dog friendly' Scout Camp at Sandy Point (see attached map for directions). This means that mushers (who stay at the camp) do not have to drive their dogs and their equipment to the race staging point, as the start and finish points for the Fosbender Park race course is based adjacent to the Scout Camp!

Dogs must not be taken into any building at the Scout Camp. You need to provide your own sleeping bag/bedding, towels etc.

The Scout Camp is also suitable for tenting, caravans and motor-homes. Please note that you will still be required to pay the accommodation fee.

The Scout Camp will be open on Friday. A permanent directional sign is on the main board at the corner of Dunns Road and Sandy Point Road, and there is another sign at the turn off to the Scout Camp.



# **SANDY POINT SCARPER 2023 ENTRY FORM**

Entries close 8:00pm, Friday 19 May 2023

## **List the dogs you plan to run in the Races:**

A. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
B. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
C. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
D. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
E. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
F. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
G. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
H. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
I. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
J. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
K. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
L. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
M. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>
N. Dogs Name: _____	Breed: _____
NZFSS Number: _____	DOB: _____ Sex: D <input type="radio"/> B <input type="radio"/>



# **SANDY POINT SCARPER 2023 ENTRY FORM**

Entries close 8:00pm, Friday 19 May 2023

## **Scarper Fest – Saturday 3 June 2023**

**1 DOG CANICROSS SENIOR (MEN & WOMEN) – 3.7km (Dog must be 18 months or over)**

**1 DOG CANICROSS JUNIOR (16 and under) – 2.3km (Dog must be 18 months or over)**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_ Class entered: Men  Women  Junior

Dog (list letter of dog to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

**1 DOG BIKEJOR – 3.0km (Dog must be 18 months or over)**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog (list letter of dog to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

**1 DOG or 2 DOG VETERAN (dogs 8yrs and over) – 2.3km**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_ Class entered: 1 dog  2 dog

Dog(s) (list letter(s) of dog(s) to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Sandy Point Scarper I - Saturday 3 June 2022**

**1 DOG JUNIOR BEGINNER - 1.7km (not sanctioned)**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog (list letter of dog to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

**1 DOG JUNIOR ADVANCED – 2.3km (not sanctioned)**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog (list letter of dog to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

**2 DOG SCOOTER - 3.3km**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_ Musher NZFSS: \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs (list letters of dogs to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

**1 DOG FREIGHT & 1 DOG SCOOTER - 3.3km**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_ Musher NZFSS: \_\_\_\_\_

Class entered: Freight  Scooter

Dog (list letter of dog to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

**RIG RACE - 2 DOG FREIGHT & 2, 3, 4, 6 DOG SPRINT – 5.2km**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_ Musher NZFSS: \_\_\_\_\_

Class entered: 2DF  2D  3D  4D  6D

Dogs (list letters of dogs to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

# **SANDY POINT SCARPER 2023 ENTRY FORM**

Entries close 8:00pm, Friday 19 May 2023

## **Sandy Point Scarper II – Sunday 4 June 2023**

### **RIG RACE - 2 DOG FREIGHT & 2, 3, 4, 6 DOG SPRINT – 5.2km**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_ Musher NZFSS: \_\_\_\_\_

Class entered:    2DF     2D     3D     4D     6D

Dogs (list letters of dogs to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

### **1 DOG FREIGHT & 1 DOG SCOOTER – 3.3km**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_ Musher NZFSS: \_\_\_\_\_

Class entered:        Freight     Scooter

Dog (list letter of dog to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

### **2 DOG SCOOTER - 3.3km**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_ Musher NZFSS: \_\_\_\_\_

Dogs (list letters of dogs to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Scarper Finale – Sunday 4 June 2023**

Class entered:        Canicross     Bikejor     Individual Medley     Team Medley Relay

**Select as usual from your own dogs**

**OR provide name of dog from another musher's team if relevant.**

### **1 DOG CANICROSS -2.3km (Dogs must be 18 months or over)**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog (list letter of dog to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

### **1 DOG BIKEJOR -2.3km (Dogs must be 18 months or over)**

Musher: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog (list letter of dog to be run): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Dog: \_\_\_\_\_

***If necessary, we will allocate "team members" at the Scarper Finale briefing on Sunday.***

## **Entry Information**

Registration for the Scarper Fest events will be accepted on the official entry form or on the day as per the program because they are fun events and are not sanctioned by NZFSS.

Sanctioning has been applied for for Scooter, Rig, and Freight classes. All events will be run in accordance with NZFSS rules.

Entries must be received by **8:00pm, Friday 19 May 2023**. Entries for sanctioned events may be accepted after this date, however **an additional \$20.00 late entry fee will apply.**

**Final cut off for all sanctioned event entries is 5:00pm, Friday 26 May 2023.  
Postal entries should be sent in time to arrive by the final cut off.**

**NO ENTRIES FOR THE EVENTS THAT SANCTIONING HAS BEEN APPLIED FOR WILL BE  
ACCEPTED AFTER THIS TIME.**

**PLEASE NOTE: An entry is not deemed to be received until payment of the entry fee is received.**

Email entry form to [ssdaracesec@gmail.com](mailto:ssdaracesec@gmail.com) or post to: Helen Brunner  
SSDA Race Secretary  
40 Walker Street  
RD11  
Invercargill 9877

Please make payment into SSDA bank account, including your full name and "Scarper23" as references. SSDA bank account details: Westpac 03 1750 0072198 00

Once your entry has been received and payment verified, you will be sent an acknowledgment via email. If you do not receive this within one week, please contact the SSDA Race Secretary via email.

### **REMINDERS**

- All classes are being run under NZFSS rules.
- Class changes for sanctioned events, after entries have been accepted, must be accompanied by "just cause" and must be presented to the Race Marshall before the relevant Musers' Meeting. The Race Marshall's decision will be final.
- Classes may only be run if there are three (3) or more entries received by the official closing date (19 May 2023). If there are insufficient entries for any given class, mushers who have entered for that class may be contacted regarding alternative options.

## **Planning Information**

To assist us with our planning, please advise the following:

Total number of people attending (for catering purposes):		
Any Dietary requirements:		
Vehicle details (for parking management) <b>Parking spaces will be pre-allocated. On arrival, please check the parking map.</b>		
Number of vehicles:		
Number of trailers:		
Trailer size (To assist with parking allocation, please indicate the size of any trailer(s) you will be bringing)	Standard (6'x4' or smaller)	
	Large	

## Contact Details

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Declaration

By entering their name/signature and date below, the musher(s)/entrant(s) agree and declare that:

- **SSDA reserves the right to refuse entry.**
- SSDA will not be held responsible for any personal injury to anyone attending or competing in the event, nor for damage to any equipment/personal property brought to the event. ERV (Emergency Response Vehicle) will be on standby during the weekend to assist in the event of an accident.
- SSDA will not be responsible for valuables and personal items left anywhere within the bounds of the race site.
- Children are to be supervised by their parents/guardians at all times.
- This event is run under NZFSS Speed Race Rules.
- All information contained in this entry pack has been read and understood.
- They are a current financial member of a club recognised by the NZFSS, or they pay an additional \$10 as temporary membership of SSDA for the Scarper weekend.

**NOTE:** If completing this form electronically, a typed name will be considered a signature for the purposes of this declaration.

### Signatures:

Musher 1:		Club membership:		Date:	
Musher 2:		Club membership:		Date:	
Musher 3:		Club membership:		Date:	
Musher 4:		Club membership:		Date:	
Musher 5:		Club membership:		Date:	

**RACE ENTRY FEES**

<b>CLASS</b>	<b>Number of Races</b>	<b>Fee Per Race</b>			<b>Amount</b>
Rig Race (Sprint) 2Dog Freight		X	\$25	=	\$
Scooter (1 Dog & 2 Dog) 1 Dog Freight		X	\$15	=	\$
Junior Classes		X	Free	=	Nil
Bikejor (Saturday only)		X	\$8	=	\$
Canicross (Saturday only)		X	\$8	=	\$
1 or 2 Dog Veteran Dog Race		X	Free	=	Nil
Scarper Finale (Sunday – Canicross and/or Bikejor)		X	Free	=	Nil
Late fee (if after 19 May 2023)		X	\$20.00	=	\$
Temporary SSDA Membership (refer to declaration section)		X	\$10.00	=	\$
<b>RACE ENTRY TOTAL</b>					<b>\$</b>

**SCOUT CAMP ACCOMMODATION**

Please complete the section below to assist with camp planning and to reserve your accommodation.

I/we <b>will not</b> be staying at the Scout Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> (Finished with this section)			
I/we <b>will</b> be staying at the Scout Camp	<input type="checkbox"/> (Provide details below)			
I/we will require the following number of sleeping spaces/bunks	1 <input type="checkbox"/>	2 <input type="checkbox"/>	3 <input type="checkbox"/>	OR
I/we will be staying these nights	Fri <input type="checkbox"/>	Sat <input type="checkbox"/>	Sun <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>SCOUT CAMP ACCOMMODATION TOTAL</b>				
Number of people staying at the Scout Camp (whether using beds/bunks or not)		x \$8.00 per person per night		<b>\$</b>

**GRAND TOTAL**

<b>Race Entry Total</b>	<b>\$</b>
	_____
<b>Scout Camp Accommodation</b>	<b>\$</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
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