

SSASO's Total Sled Dog Program

PTS	Performance & Capability					PTS	Structure	PTS	Health
Registered Dogs Combination of 8pts <small>(minimum 3 of 8 from Mushing achievements, at 1 of 8 must be non-racing)</small>						3pts		3pts	
Non-Registered Dog 5pts							1pt	2pts	
5	SDO	1	Seppala - Crown program (Cont.-KC)	1	Scent work	1	GR-CH - with recognized body CKC/AKC/UKC	1	OFA EYE clinics <small>(can use up to 2 visit/test in dogs life time)</small>
5	IFSS WORLDS Race 1st-3rd podium	1	finished top 1/2 in a field of at least 8 teams at 3 races in last 2years	1	Therapy dog and/or Police dog work	3	CH - with recognized body CKC/AKC/UKC	1	OFA hips & or Penhip
5	IFSS Global season top 3 medallist/podium **	1	WD/WLD - SHCC	1	Canine good citizen or Canine good neighbour	3	Showcase - BIS or Res-BIS winner	1	OFA elbow
3	SDX	1	Dryland working - SHCA	1	Sprinters or FASTCAT (10 top for the Yr.)	2	Winner of Sled Dog Specialty or National	1	Embark - Health Screening - multiple panel
3	SD	1	Seppala - Crown program (Cont.-KC)	1	Sprinters/ Fast CAT &/or Lure Coursing	2	Winner of Siberian or Northern breed boosted	1	Sample/raw data submission for breed specific health or genetic Issue study
3	Seppala - SD program (Cont.-KC)	1	Working Pack dog	1	CKC Versatility (VG, VS & VB)	1	Top 10 at US or CAD Showcase	1	SPS
2	Placed top 3 overall or RNB at a minimum of 3 Sectioned races in a 2 year period	1	Weight pull	1	Chase Ability	1	Breed/Group 1-4th over competition in any Showcase or kennel club show	1	SHPH
2	WDXI/ WLDXI - SHCC	1	Rally-O and/or Obedience	1	Fly ball	1	Group 1-4 over Competition at a kennel club show <small>Groups: working , herding, hound, sporting, non-sporting, terrier, and toy.</small>	1	XL-RPA1
2	SHCA - Lombard- Norris sled dog driver award	1	Agility	1	Farm dog - AKC	1	Orthopaedic evaluation by Qualified Veterinarian	1	DM - Degenerative Myelopathy
2	Podium 1st - 3rd at National / Continental	1	Trick Dog Title	1	Hunting dogs - AKC/UKC/CKC	1	Private structure evaluation written Past Showcase Judge or Breed qualified CKC/AKC/UKC judge. Written must have comments, date and judges signature	1	Alaskans - ALX4 - wheezer
1	IFSS (North American), ISDRA or SSASO season medallist/podium **	1	DOCK Jumping	1	Iron Paw Virtual Stage Race or similar challenge Top half of class placement	1	unregistered / open dogs only virtual show 1st-4th over completion	1	Alaskans - GM1- Gangliosidosis

** = for 2+ dog classes must prove the individual dog was on the medalling team for at least 75% of the qualifying sanctioned races

Program outline:

SSASO Total Sled Dog programs highlights our members commitment to their dogs by providing a balanced, enriched, active and healthy life style that extends beyond training & racing. Working with and challenging your dog on multiple levels helps to increase your bond & provides better communications
Our Total dog program helps you as a owner & teammate really get to know your dog and yourself, its an honest look at your strengths, weakness, capabilities and what you can achieve together.

SSASO's Sled Total Dog promotes :

Performance & Capability which also includes athleticism, intelligence, versatility, willingness to work with you as a team and problem solving skill.

Structure, the soundness of the dog, does it move correctly and does it represent the standard and traits of its breed or breeds.

Health, As an owner have you done your due diligent in understating the health and genetics of your dog. *knowing if you dog has any reinvent conditions that may effect it is important and in many case you can tweak your training program to help your dog.*

We developed the total dog program to showcase owner and dogs that go above the standard showcasing a dog that is performance proven with sound body and mind.

Target Audience: SSASO members, this program is designed around our core group of members where mushing & racing is the primary focus during Fall & Winter, but whom also know our dog/s have more to offer. We want to showcase musher & dogs with multifunctional abilities and achievements.

This program is not about doing 1 thing well, It's about learning about your dog. it's structure , and exploring their intelligence, temperament, drives, & versatility in several ways.
The sled dog titles have a strong emphasis for points as we are a sled dog club.

SSASO Total Dog should encourage folks to aim high and try to accomplish new things with their dog/s.

Our sled dog community is small and one of our goals is expanding our community and making it more successful for dog owners. Not just registered or open/un registered dogs/ teams.
This title isn't designed to be a tool for breeding, it's intended to be an individual challenge for owners with their dogs to work as a team and discover what success looks like together.

General to all applicants

IF your dog is registered with a recognized kennel Club your dog is Registered, regardless of breed.

If your dogs does not have papers with a Kennel Club your are Non-Registered Dogs - Open & Mixed breeds

Must be a SSASO yearly club member to apply

Achievement can be retroactive pre-dating this program

All win's must be over completion

You may only use the same achievement a maximum of twice e.g. Show group wins, IFSS/ISDRA/SSASO pts standing/systems, ironpaws over multiple years, race placements

All Sprint Races must be sanctioned by CAHDS/IFSS/ISDRA or equivalent National or International governing body to be accepted by this program
(this will exclude none professional races like Time trails and most 1 day races)

Mid and long distance races must be known quality races such as *(but not limited to)* : Can-am, Canadian Challenge, Beargrease, Wolf track, Gunflint, UP 200, Greenville 100 miles Wilderness, Hudson Bay Quest, Tahquamenon etc.

All Dogs must be at least 2yrs of age to be awarded this title

Boosted, showcases, specialties, virtual shows must be run by organized or accepted groups e.g. SSASO, CKC, AKC, UKC Other may apply . If you are unsure ask

Show titles include Altered dogs

Proof of titles & accreditations must be provided with your submitting

Proof of health testing must be provide

This program is meant to be challenging and will take time and commitment to achieve the requirement

Private structure evaluation

Evaluator can be any past Showcase Judge or Breed qualified CKC/AKC/UKC judge. Judge must provide a written critique of your dog which includes the dogs info: name, age, sex and anything the judge feels is relevant, If the dogs is pass or fail. name -signature evaluator and contact info

Each evaluator has the right to request their own evolution fee, which will vary in rate based evaluator and chosen location.

You are expected to work around your chosen evaluators schedule and make arrangement that suit them, at a location that suits them for the evolution. This must be in person so the evaluator can put their hands on your dog.

Points Break down

Points are accumulative from each of the 3 category

Required points are a minimum, you can claim as many points as you above what is required for this program

Generally each Title level achieved is awarded a point. *EG if you have your Sprinter Novice (NS) and Sprinter (S) they each count as a point, totalling 2pts.*

E.g. Novice Trick Dog NTD 1pt. Intermediate Trick dog 1pt and Advance trick dog 1pt = 3pts total

E.g. Sprinter novice (1pt) + Trick dog Novice (1pt) , SD title (3pts) total = 5 pts under Performance & Capability category

The chart above is a general reference guide for mainstream titles offer through most clubs, it is not a completed list of all available titles through every club

All submission will require official supporting documentation of your dogs achieved: Certificate, results, finished list, study submission email etc.

Upon completion of your submission it will be reviewed by 2 program holders, if award you will received a certificate, rosette and club total dog announcement on the Facebook members page.

We can show points breakdown with a number of program but we can not capture all programs offered by other individual clubs, Kennel-clubs and breed clubs.

If you have a title that is not listed and you are not sure where it fits please emails us for confirmation with the program details.

Registered Dogs total 14pts

Registered Dogs must have a minimum of 14 points total.

Broken down into group specification: Performance & Capabilities, Health & Structure

8 points from Performance & Capability

3 from Health and 3 from Structure

Performance & Capabilities: (8pts)

Minimal of 3 of your 8 point must be directly achieved from mushing, 1 pts must not be directly from racing. (your dog can do more then race)

Sprint races must be Sanctioned

Mids & long distance races must be quality known races

There will be a maximum of 3pts allowed for online/virtual titles such as trick dog

[pg3 of 4](#)

Health : (3pts)

All Health testing/submissions count as 1 point. Tests like OFA eye exams that can be done a multiple times in the dogs life can be used up to 2x in the dogs lifetime.

At least 3 health points are requires to fulfil the requirements of the Total Dog Program.

1 of these health points must come from the below listed tests:

OFA eye exam, OFA hips, OFA Elbo,PENhip, or Embark or a comparable health panel which contains 2 or more health test specifically tailored to your dog or breed/s

Note: We do not require your dogs individual health testing results, just proof it was done. The point is that you have done the testing and learn about your dog.

Structure (3pts)

All ring wins must be over completion

You can only use the same achievement a maximum of twice/ 2x,

e.g. 2x breed wins over competition or 2x group placement over comp

2 group placements at a Showcase

A Private evolution (orthopaedic or judge) can only be used once and must have a signed and dated letter with a score a pass or fail by approval by evaluator. You may not collect points on a fail or unacceptable score from an evolution.

Non-Registered Dogs - Open & Mixed breeds - Total 8pts

Non-Registered Dogs must have a minimum of 8 points total.

Broken down into group specification:

Performance & Capabilities: (5pts)

Sprint races must be Sanctioned

Mids & long distance races must be quality known races

There will be a maximum of 3pts allowed for online/virtual titles such as trick dog

Health : (2pts)

All Health testing/submissions count as 1 point

1 of these health points must come from the below listed tests:

OFA eye exam, OFA hips, OFA Elbo,PENhip, or Embark or a comparable health panel which contains 2 or more health test specifically tailored to your dog or breed/s

Note: We do not require your dogs individual health testing results, just proof it was done. The point is that you have done the testing and learn about your dog.

Structure (1pt)

All show wins must be over completion

You can only use the same achievement a maximum of twice/ 2x,

e.g. 2x showcase group placement over comp

Non-Registered dogs: Although SD/SDX and WD titles can not be awards to you via those program owners/breed clubs as they are for Registered breeds,

Should you meet the requirements of a listed programs with the same paperwork we/SSASO will honour the title for the purpose of this program.

Non-registered paperwork does not need to be signed by event official, but official results will needs to be provide as proof {official race results/mushometer}

Disclaimer

This is a pilot program, which may see changes over the first few years.

Higher more difficult SSASO Total Dog titles may be added in the future

In the event that an achievements points requirements are changed, this will not negatively impact individual dogs that have already been awards a title,
BUT can effect dogs and owners still working towards titles.

this is a title program not a breeding evaluation.

This is meant to augment other programs already in use, it's not a title to give folks an excuse to breed

Reviewed/Approved by SSASO executive March 2024

updated July 2025 by Program holders