



*Southland Sled Dog Association*

# **FOSBENDER FENDER BENDER**

***Come and experience one of the world's  
southern-most sled dog events, run on  
NZ's first purpose-built Sled Dog Area***

**Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 August 2024**

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Hosted by Southland Sled Dog Association

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**NZFSS Sanctioning Approved  
(in association with Trail Blazers Sled Dog Club)**

## **General Information**

### **Health 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.**

### **General Trail Description**

All the racing during the Fosbender Fender Bender 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 harvested pine forest and as a consequence there are some tight bends, and several places where the stump spacing narrows the trail. The forest sections are relatively short and 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.

### **Team Dog Identification**

Photos of each dog team lining up to or in the start chute **may** be used to check dog team, **at the discretion of the RGO**, prior to each heat.

## Schedule of Events

### Saturday 24 August

**All events are raced on a loop track starting and finishing at the Caniden.**

#### Morning

<b>8/6/4/3/2 Dog Rig - Heat 1</b>	<b>5.9km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 1 minute</b>	
<b>1-Dog Scooter – Heat 1</b>	<b>3.4km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 30 seconds</b>	
<b>2-Dog Scooter – Heat 1</b>	<b>3.4km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 30 seconds</b>	
<b>1-Dog Bikejor - Heat 1</b>	<b>3.4km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 1 minute</b>	<b>Unsanctioned</b>
<b>1-Dog Canicross</b>	<b>3.4km</b>	<b>Mass Start</b>	<b>Unsanctioned</b>
<b>1-Dog Junior Advanced</b>	<b>1.9km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 30 seconds</b>	<b>Unsanctioned</b>
Marshals will be positioned around the trail.			
<b>1-Dog Junior Beginner</b>	<b>1.0km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 30 seconds</b>	<b>Unsanctioned</b>
Mushers must be accompanied throughout the run.			

#### Afternoon/Evening

**\*\*\*All classes will be run in near or complete darkness. Adequate lighting is mandatory for all classes. Trail will be marked with reflective markers.\*\*\***

<b>1-Dog Bikejor – Heat 2</b>	<b>3.4km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 1 minute</b>	<b>Unsanctioned</b>
<b>2-Dog Scooter – Heat 2</b>	<b>3.4km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 30 seconds</b>	
<b>1-Dog Scooter – Heat 2</b>	<b>3.4km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 30 seconds</b>	
<b>8/6/4/3/2 Dog Rig - Heat 2</b>	<b>5.9km</b>	<b>Start Interval: 1 minute</b>	

### Sunday 25 August (morning)- Fosbender Quest

**Approx distances: 8.5km, 6.5km, or 4.5km** **Open Fun Race (Unsanctioned)**  
Canicross (1 or 2 Dog), Scooter (1 or 2 Dog), Bikejor (1 Dog), or Rig. Choose your distance on the day.

All courses will be marked, turnoffs marked with distance options. Checkpoints at four points on the trail. Collect a coloured peg at each checkpoint you pass. 4.5km competitors will collect 1 peg, 6.5km competitors will collect 2 pegs, and 8.5km competitors will collect 3 pegs. No need to pre-advise your chosen distance – number of pegs collected will indicate which course you have run. Time penalties will apply for the wrong colour or number of pegs returned (e.g. collecting only the 8.5km course peg without the other 2 pegs). Loop trail with finish at the CaniDen.  
Start interval: 1 minute (seeded start)

#### **Breakfast and Prizegiving (late morning)**

To be held at The Cabbage Tree, Otatara. Set menu.

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

## **Timetable**

### **Bib draw for Heat 1**

This will be done prior to the event date to reduce Musher Meeting length.

### **Friday 23 August**

7:30 pm	Compulsory Musers' Meeting for all Musers.
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### **Saturday 24 August**

Time	Event	Start Interval
7:00am	Trail Report Meeting (at Caniden)	
7:30am	8/6/4/3/2-Dog Rig (6&4-Dog teams out first) - Heat 1.	1 minute
8:15am	1-Dog Scooter - Heat 1.	30 seconds
8:45am	2-Dog Scooter - Heat 1.	30 seconds
9:30am	1-Dog Bikejor - Heat 1.	1 minute
10:15am	1-Dog Canicross.	Mass Start
11:00am	1-Dog Junior Advanced.	30 seconds
11:30am	1-Dog Junior Beginner.	30 seconds
4:30pm	Bib hand out for Heat 2 Entries for Open Fun Race close.	
5:00pm	1-Dog Bikejor (Fastest out first based on Heat 1 times) – Heat 2.	1 minute
5:45pm	2 Dog Scooter (Fastest out first based on Heat 1 times) – Heat 2.	30 seconds
6:30pm	1 Dog Scooter (Fastest out first based on Heat 1 times) – Heat 2.	30 seconds
7:15pm	6/4/3/2-Dog Rig (Fastest out first based on Heat 1 times) – Heat 2.	1 minute
8:30pm	Musers' Meeting and bib hand out for Open Fun Race	

### **Sunday 25 August**

Time	Event	Start Interval
7:10am	Trail report and checkpoint system reminder.	
7:30am	Fosbender Quest (Open Fun Run) start.	1 minute
11:00am	Fosbender Fender Bender Buffet Breakfast and Prizegiving at The Cabbage Tree.	

**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 are compulsory for all classes, except Canicross.
  - Neckline connecting double lead dogs is mandatory.
- Head and tail (flashing or solid red) lights are mandatory for the evening heats for all classes. It is recommended that you have an effective headlight for the morning heats as it can be dark in forested areas of the trails, and lighting will help to make the reflectorised markers more visible.
- 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 Musers' Meeting. The Race Marshall's decision will be final.
- All sanctioned classes may only be run if there are three (3) or more entries received by the official closing date (12 August 2024). If there are insufficient entries for any given class, mushers who have entered for that class will 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 allocation for consecutive events will not allow enough time to make the following start time.
- **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 SSSA committee after the event (unless due to COVID-19 precautions). Please allow 14 days after the event for any refund to be processed.

For more information about the Fosbender Fender Bender please contact:

Haakon Berg (SSDA President)

Phone: 03 235 8857

Email: [icesibes@gmail.com](mailto:icesibes@gmail.com)

## **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 Foscender 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 motorhomes. 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.

# **FOSBENDER FENDER BENDER 2024 ENTRY FORM**

Entries close 8:00pm, Monday 12 August 2024

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

<b>A.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>B.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>C.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>D.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>E.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>F.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>G.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>H.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>I.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>J.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>K.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>L.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>M.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____
<b>N.</b> Dog Name: _____ Dog DOB: _____	Dog NZFSS Number: _____

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Provide details for the classes you wish to enter:

## **Saturday 24 August 2024**

Musher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Musher NZFSS Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Rig (approx 11.8km total):      8-Dog       6-Dog       4-Dog       3-Dog       2-Dog

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

Scooter (approx 6.8km total):      2-Dog       1-Dog  (If doing both please indicate which dogs for which class)

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

Bikejor (approx 6.8km total)

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

**(REMINDER: Dogs must be 18 months minimum)**

Canicross (approx 3.4km total):      Men       Women

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

**(REMINDER: Dogs must be 18 months minimum)**

Junior:      Advanced (1.9km)       Beginner (1.0km)

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

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Musher Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Musher NZFSS Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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# **FOSBENDER QUEST 2024 ENTRY FORM**

Provide details for the classes you wish to enter:

## **Sunday 25 August 2024**

### **FOSBENDER QUEST - OPEN FUN RUN (Entries close at 4:30pm on Saturday 24 August)**

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

Canicross: 1-Dog  2-Dog  Bikejor: 1-Dog  Scooter: 1-Dog  2-Dog  Rig: \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs

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

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

Canicross: 1-Dog  2-Dog  Bikejor: 1-Dog  Scooter: 1-Dog  2-Dog  Rig: \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs

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

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

Canicross: 1-Dog  2-Dog  Bikejor: 1-Dog  Scooter: 1-Dog  2-Dog  Rig: \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs

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

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

Canicross: 1-Dog  2-Dog  Bikejor: 1-Dog  Scooter: 1-Dog  2-Dog  Rig: \_\_\_\_\_ Dogs

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

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

**The Fosbender Quest courses use a variety of our trails - not all are of sanctionable standard. There are tight turns amongst trees and uneven surfaces. Good dog control will be more important than speed on these courses. Please consider these facts carefully when you select your team size for this event!**

## **Entry Information**

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

Entries must be received by **8:00pm, Monday 12 August 2024**. 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 Saturday event entries is 5:00pm, Monday 19 August 2024.**  
**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.**

Entries for all Saturday events will be accepted until 5pm Monday 19 August 2024 to allow for bib draw to be completed in the days prior to the event. Open Fun Run entries will close at the 4:30pm Musers' Meeting on Saturday 24 August 2024.

Email entry form to [ssdaracesec@gmail.com](mailto:ssdaracesec@gmail.com) or send to: Helen Brunner, SSSA Race Secretary, 205 Drysdale Road, RD2, Invercargill 9872

Make payment into SSSA bank account, including your name and "FB2024" as a reference. SSSA bank account details: Westpac 03 1750 0072198 00

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

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 SSSA Race Secretary at the above email address.

## **REMINDERS**

- Sanctioned classes are being run under NZFSS speed race 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.
- Sanctioned classes may only be run if there are three (3) or more entries received by the official closing date (12 August 2024). If there are insufficient entries for any given class, musers 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 people attending:	
Vehicle details (for parking management):	
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 **and all undersigned mushers are familiar with those 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 \$5 as temporary membership of SSDA for the Fosbender Fender Bender event. Please indicate club membership below.

### **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:	

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

### **RACE ENTRY FEES**

CLASS	Number of Entries	Fee Per Race		Amount
8/6/4/3/2-Dog Rig		X \$35.00	=	\$
1-Dog Scooter		X \$20.00	=	\$
2-Dog Scooter		X \$20.00		\$
1-Dog Bikejor		X \$20.00	=	\$
1-Dog Canicross		X \$10.00	=	\$
1-Dog Junior (Adv or Beg)		X Free	=	Nil
Open Fun Run		X \$10.00	=	\$
Late fee (after 12 August 2024)		X \$20.00	=	\$
Temporary SSDA Membership (refer to declaration section)		X \$10.00	=	\$
<b>RACE ENTRY TOTAL</b>				<b>\$</b>

### **FOSBENDER FENDER BENDER BREAKFAST**

Breakfast (per person)		X \$28.00	=	\$
Please indicate any dietary requirements				

### **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			
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	\$

### **GRAND TOTAL**

<b>Race Entry Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Fosbender Fender Bender Breakfast</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>Scout Camp Accommodation</b>	<b>\$</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	