

# **International**

## **D O G   S P O R T S**

### **Lure Chasing Guidelines**

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Approved IDS facilities that have the space and equipment required to safely run IDS lure chasing games are able to do so with written permission from IDS. Any healthy, well behaved dog over 12 months old can compete in any of the IDS lure chasing games. The dog's breed, level of experience, and any other dog sport affiliation do not matter. The only requirement is that they want to have FUN and have an IDS # for the purpose of tracking their scores, Title Points, International Rankings and Championship Invitations. The IDS lure chasing season ends at the conclusion of the Labor Day weekend.

### [New Dog IDS Registration Form](#)

#### **General Guidelines**

- Dogs must be at least 12 months old to compete.
- Dogs must appear in good health and not show any signs of lameness.
- No females in season are permitted on grounds.
- Refunds are at the facility's discretion.
- All dogs should be up to date on veterinarian recommended vaccinations or titers. The facility may require verification.
- Dogs are permitted to wear flat collars or run "naked." Any dog tags should be removed. No prongs or choke collars. Ask your facility for specific questions relating to appropriate collars.
- Each facility owner has the right to excuse any handler for any reason. This includes but is not limited to misconduct, unsportsmanlike behavior, or abusive treatment to dogs and/or people.
- The timer's decision is final.
- No loose dogs. Dogs must be on a leash at all times, except when in the lure chasing track.
- No retractable leashes are permitted on the grounds.
- Registration is handled by each individual facility, not IDS. Contact your local facility for their registration process, procedures, and facility-specific rules.
- Pick up after your dog's waste.

**IDS's Lure Chasing Games include Slip Stream and Jet Stream. See details on the different games, rules, classes, and divisions below.**

## **Classes**

### **Open**

- Any dog under the age of 8 at the start of the year (January 1st)
- Any dog over 16" at the withers
- Facilities will record top placements for the Open class in each division to be used by IDS for Championship Invites. See the IDS Championship Criteria document on the website for more detailed year-end Championship information.

### **Lap**

- Any dog 16" or less at the withers
- Measured at 24 months or older
- Handler to enter dogs height when registering for an IDS #. Facilities can choose to check height onsite if there is a question.
- Facilities will record top placements for the Lap class in each division to be used by IDS for Championship Invites.
- If the dog meets the Lap & Legend requirements, Lap takes precedence. There is no Lap Legend division at this time.

### **Legend**

- 8 yrs old at the start of the calendar year (January 1st)
- Facilities will record top placements for the Legend class in each division to be used by IDS for Championship Invites.
- Legend divisions are the same as the Open class, however, they are only ranked against other Legend dogs.
- If the dog meets the Lap & Legend requirements, Lap takes precedence. There is no Lap Legend division at this time.

## Lure Chasing Games

**Slip Stream 50** – A game where the dog chases a lure for **50 yards** (150 feet) and their times are recorded.

- Participating facilities are required to have a mostly flat, straight, clear 50 yard path a.k.a. track with a minimum of a 30 yard run out/catch pen for the dog to slow down at the end of their run.
- Participating facilities are required to have approved lure and pulley equipment. Continuous loop or drag lures are acceptable types of lures.
- Participating facilities are required to have an experienced Lure Operator running the lure at all IDS events.
- The track can be fully fenced, partially fenced, or simply marked off to identify the track area. Facilities should identify upfront, at the time of registration, if the track is fenced or not.
- If there is no fencing to contain the dogs, each handler is responsible to maintain control of their dog at all times. Dogs without reliable recalls should not be permitted to run in an unfenced track. Facility discretion advised.
- If there is fencing, a “break away” type fencing material (such as plastic snow fence) should be used at the end of the track, to prevent injury, in the event the dog does not stop in time.
- Lure Operators are required to stop the lure no less than 25 feet before the end of the track for the safety of the dog.
- During a Slip Stream round, the handler sets their dog up inside a clearly marked 10 foot start box in preparation for their run. The dog may start anywhere within the box. A minimum of the dog’s front paws must be inside the start box.
- The dog will be released by its handler after the wrangler verifies that the lure operator is ready and counts down “3, 2, 1, Go.” Handler releases the dog after the word “Go.”
- Wrangler will waive a flag to signal to the Timer (located at the finish line) that the dog’s nose has passed the start line and time begins.
- The Timer stands at the finish line and stops the clock once the dog's nose has crossed the finish line.
- Facilities can use electronic timers and/or manual stopwatches to record times. If using electronic timers, a back up manual timer must be used as well.
- Event format (Closed Rounds = scheduled run times vs. Open Rounds = no set time) will be at the facility’s discretion. The “Open Round” format is limited to a maximum of 2 runs/dog/hour for the health and safety of the dogs.
- Running order will be at the facility's discretion. Ask your facility.

- There is a maximum of 4 rounds/day/dog for the safety of the dog.
- Each dog gets 1 scored run per round.
- Each Dog gets 90 seconds for Slip Stream and 120 seconds for Jet Stream, on the track, per round. Time starts when the dog is in the start box and ends when the dog exits the track. Time outs are considered DQ (disqualification) a.k.a. “no score.”
- If the dog does not pass the finish line within 30 seconds for Slip Stream and 60 seconds for Jet Stream, it will be a DQ (disqualification) a.k.a. “no score”.
- Max of 2 handlers. One at the start line and the other to catch and leash the dog at the finish line. It is not the facility's responsibility to have “catchers” for participants. Participants should make arrangements to have their own additional handler.
- Handlers are allowed to call their dog back to the start line instead of having a 2nd handler to catch the dog.
- The lure will be 3 white plastic bags attached to the string.
- The dog’s time is recorded in the IDS database for the purpose of tracking titles, International Rankings, Championship Invitations, etc.
- A minimum of 2 rounds per weekend/event are required to be eligible to qualify for finals or IDS Championship invitations.
- The event’s Finals Bubble is based on the dog's fastest time of the weekend/event.
- Facilities will record the top 3 placements from the event’s Finals Bubble for all classes and divisions for IDS Championship Invite purposes. Facilities can choose to offer placement awards.
- Fun Finals may also be offered, at the facility's discretion. If holding Fun Finals, the top 5 dogs in each division will complete 1 more run. The top 3 scores in each division are the winners of Fun Finals. Fun Finals scores are not recorded with IDS and do not affect Championship Invitations. They are only for fun. Facilities can choose to offer Fun Final awards if they wish.
- IDS Lure Chasing titles will not be issued during the 2026 season until after IDS has had a chance to evaluate the data at the end season as it relates to scores and appropriate divisions. However, all Lure Chasing scores will be retroactive once the divisions are finalized. IDS reserves the right to adjust the rules and divisions for Lure Chasing during the testing period.

**Jet Stream 100** – A game where the dog chases a lure for **100 yards** (300 feet) and their times are recorded.

- Participating facilities are required to have a mostly flat, straight, clear 100 yard path a.k.a. track with a minimum of a 50 yard run out/catch pen for the dog to slow down at the end of their run.
- Participating facilities are required to have approved lure and pulley equipment. Continuous loop or drag lures are acceptable types of lures.
- Participating facilities are required to have an experienced Lure Operator running the lure at all IDS events.
- The track can be fully fenced, partially fenced, or simply marked off to identify the track area. Facilities should identify upfront, at the time of registration, if the track is fenced or not.
- If there is no fencing to contain the dogs, each handler is responsible to maintain control of their dog at all times. Dogs without reliable recalls should not be permitted to run in an unfenced track. Facility discretion advised.
- If there is fencing, a “break away” type fencing material (such as plastic snow fence) should be used at the end of the track, to prevent injury, in the event the dog does not stop in time.
- Lure Operators are required to stop the lure no less than 25 feet before the end of the track for the safety of the dog.
- During a Jet Stream round, the handler sets their dog up inside a clearly marked 10 foot start box in preparation for their run. The dog may start anywhere within the box. A minimum of the dog’s front paws must be inside the start box.
- The dog will be released by its handler after the wrangler verifies that the lure operator is ready and counts down “3, 2, 1, Go.” Handler releases the dog after the word “Go.”
- Wrangler will waive a flag to signal to the Timer (located at the finish line) that the dog’s nose has passed the start line and time begins.
- The Timer stands at the finish line and stops the clock once the dog's nose has crossed the finish line.
- Facilities can use electronic timers and/or manual stopwatches to record times. If using electronic timers, a back up manual timer must be used as well.
- Event format (Closed Rounds = scheduled run times vs. Open Rounds = no set time) will be at the facility’s discretion. The “Open Round” format is limited to a maximum of 2 runs/dog/hour for the health and safety of the dogs.
- Running order will be at the facility's discretion. Ask your facility.
- There is a maximum of 4 rounds/day/dog for the safety of the dog.
- Each dog gets 1 scored run per round.

- Each Dog gets 90 seconds for Slip Stream and 120 seconds for Jet Stream, on the track, per round. Time starts when the dog is in the start box and ends when the dog exits the track. Time outs are considered DQ (disqualification) a.k.a. “no score.”
- If the dog does not pass the finish line within 30 seconds for Slip Stream and 60 seconds for Jet Stream, it will be a DQ (disqualification) a.k.a. “no score”.
- Max of 2 handlers. One at the start line and the other to catch and leash the dog at the finish line. It is not the facility's responsibility to have “catchers” for participants. Participants should make arrangements to have their own additional handler.
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## Lure Chasing Divisions

A floating bubble is used to determine divisions. The fastest score for each dog that has competed in at least 2 rounds during the event will be recorded on the Finals Bubble. Those scores will be sorted from fastest to slowest then divided into divisions from lowest to highest based on percentages.

### **Slip Stream Open & Legend Divisions**

- Comet - 10%
- Protostar - 15%
- Nebula - 25%
- Rising Star - 25%
- Superstar - 15%
- Supernova - 10%

### **Jet Stream Open & Legend Divisions**

- Comet - 10%
- Protostar - 15%
- Nebula - 25%
- Rising Star - 25%
- Superstar - 15%
- Supernova - 10%

### **Slip Stream Lap Divisions**

- Comet - 10%
- Protostar - 15%
- Nebula - 25%
- Rising Star - 25%
- Superstar - 15%
- Supernova - 10%

### **Jet Stream Lap Divisions**

- Comet - 10%
- Protostar - 15%
- Nebula - 25%
- Rising Star - 25%
- Superstar - 15%
- Supernova - 10%

## **IDS Lure Operator Requirements**

### 1. Role Overview

The Lure Operator is responsible for the safe, consistent, and controlled operation of the lure system during IDS Lure Chasing events. This role directly impacts dog safety, scoring integrity, and overall event flow. Only approved or designated individuals may operate the lure during IDS-sanctioned runs.

### 2. Minimum Eligibility Requirements

An IDS Lure Operator must:

- Be 18 years of age or older
- Be physically capable of safely operating the lure system for extended periods
- Demonstrate calm, attentive behavior and the ability to respond quickly to changing conditions
- Be able to clearly communicate with:
  - Event staff
  - Timers/score keepers
  - Handlers when necessary

### 3. Training & Familiarity

The Lure Operator must have:

- Working knowledge of the specific lure system being used (pulley system, drag lure, motorized system, etc.)
- Understanding of:
  - Proper lure speed control
  - Start and stop timing
  - Emergency stop procedures
- Familiarity with IDS Lure Chasing formats, including:
  - Slip Stream 50
  - Jet Stream 100
- Awareness of how lure operation affects:
  - Dog drive
  - Safety during run-out
  - Accurate timing and scoring

Facilities are responsible for ensuring operators are trained on their equipment prior to hosting IDS events.

#### 4. Safety Responsibilities

The Lure Operator must:

- Maintain visual contact with the dog at all times during a run
- Stop the lure immediately if:
  - A dog falls, stumbles, or shows signs of distress
  - The dog veers significantly off course
  - A safety concern arises on or near the track
- Stop the lure no less than 25 feet before the end of the track
- Never intentionally “outrun,” taunt, or dangerously accelerate the lure beyond what is appropriate for the dog
- Never restart the lure once a run has been terminated for safety
- Be prepared to cut the line at a moments notice, in the event of an emergency

Dog safety always overrides scoring, speed, or completion of a run.

#### 5. Event Conduct & Neutrality

Lure Operators must:

- Operate the lure consistently for all dogs
- Avoid any appearance of favoritism toward specific dogs, handlers, or facilities
- Not coach, cue, or influence dogs or handlers during a run
- Refrain from distractions (phones, side conversations, etc.) while operating

The lure operator’s role is operational — not competitive or instructional.

#### 6. Coordination With Event Staff

The Lure Operator must work in coordination with:

- The designated timer/judge
- The event coordinator or ring steward
- Any safety spotters assigned by the facility

Runs should not begin until:

- The track is confirmed clear
- Timer is ready
- Handlers and dog are in position
- Operator confirms readiness with staff

#### 7. Facility Responsibility

Each hosting facility is responsible for:

- Assigning a qualified lure operator for all IDS lure chasing events

- Ensuring backup coverage is available if needed
- Confirming operators understand IDS-specific rules and safety standards

IDS reserves the right to **pause or stop runs** if lure operation is deemed unsafe or inconsistent with IDS standards.

## 8. IDS Oversight

IDS may:

- Require retraining or reassignment of a lure operator
- Suspend lure chasing activities at an event if safety standards are not met
- Update lure operator requirements as the sport evolves