

Registered Northern Breed Recognition and Awards Program

March 28, 2025 (proposed)

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In recognition of historic Registered Northern Breeds (RNB), the Northwest Sled Dog Association (NWSDA) celebrates their continued use as working dogs through this program. Each RNB team to complete all days of the NWSDA event (dryland or sled, pointed and non-pointed classes) will be recognized at the race awards ceremony. The top placing RNB team from each pointed class shall receive a special award provided there are two or more RNB teams that begin the first heat in that class. RNB teams shall be acknowledged in published race results. To be eligible, the musher must note RNB teams (all dogs in team must be RNB) on race entry forms with proof of registration (document/pedigree) to be reviewed by the race marshal prior to the race when requested. NWSDA membership is encouraged but is not required for event awards.

In classes where there are at least two RNB entrants, NWSDA members completing an event shall also be eligible for an annual award. These awards are based on the placement determination using the scoring system noted in the NWSDA Championship Points System and Race Rules. Annual awardees must be current NWSDA members.

This program is also intended to support applications for working dog certificates offered by specific breed clubs (please see below). Eligibility, individual race paperwork and application submission are the sole responsibility of the team owner. Please notify NWSDA prior to the first day of each race (preferably on the race entry form) of any official race paperwork that requires validation by the NWSDA race marshal.

RNB – Registered Northern Breeds include dogs of the acknowledged sled dog breeds (Siberian Husky, Alaskan Malamute, Samoyed, Seppala Siberian Sleddog, and Greenland Dog) that hold a document/pedigree issued by the AKC (American Kennel Club) or Continental Kennel Club (ConKC). Any foreign registered northern breed dogs that are eligible for AKC registration as well as AKC's PAL (Purebred Alternate Listing) northern breed registrants are also eligible.

This program will begin in the 2025-2026 NWSDA Race Season.

Sponsored by Margaret Black, Snowdance Siberians.

Breed club working dog certificate programs (for informational purposes only):

<https://www.shca.org/sled-dog-degrees>

<https://www.shca.org/dryland-working>

<https://www.alaskanmalamute.org/working-dog-rules>

<https://www.samoyedclubofamerica.org/showing-performance/working-samoyed-program/working-titles/>

<http://www.seppalas.com/page11.htm> (undergoing new construction in 2025)