



## Information Pack

This event will be held at the Grimwade Airstrip and is being held on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 as an evening/morning race. The first driver's meeting is at 3pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023.

The race site is approximately a 2.5 hour drive South of Perth along the South Western highway, east of the town of Kirup. Tracks are superb and for all classes, there are hills.

Start/Finish lines will be close to the campsite with no requirement to drive to them.

## Safety Officer and First Aid

In the event of an emergency, the car horn will sound 5 times to signal and will continue to sound off.

Everyone should meet at club HQ without your dogs to be briefed on the emergency. In the event of loose dogs do not leave camp if you have not been briefed.

Only those with UHF Radios will be deployed and channel 21 to be used.

## Food/Drink

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This event has no food or water facilities, please ensure you bring extra to cover yourself and your dogs over the course of the weekend.

## Medical Issues

If you or your dog(s) are in need of urgent medical attention, the nearest facilities are located as following:

<b>Animal Care</b>	<b>Human Emergency Department Facilities (selected)</b>		
<b>GEOVet Veterinary Hospital</b> 1hr & 15 minutes from Grimwade 89 Bussell Hwy, West Busselton WA (08) 9754 4422	<b>Bridgetown Hospital</b> 31 minutes from Grimwade 28 Peninsula Road, Bridgetown WA (08) 9782 1222	<b>Collie Hospital</b> 45 minutes towards(ish) Perth Cnr Steere & Deakin Street, Collie WA (08) 9735 1333	<b>South West Health Campus</b> (Bunbury Hospital) 56 minutes from Grimwade Cnr Bussell Highway & Robertson Drive, Bunbury WA (08) 9722 1000

## Venue

Grimwade Airstrip, Grimwade WA. The race site is approximately a 2.5 hour drive South of Perth along the South Western highway, east of the town of Kirup.

Camping and parking are located together on the Airstrip. There is no driving required from the camping area to the race start/finish chutes.

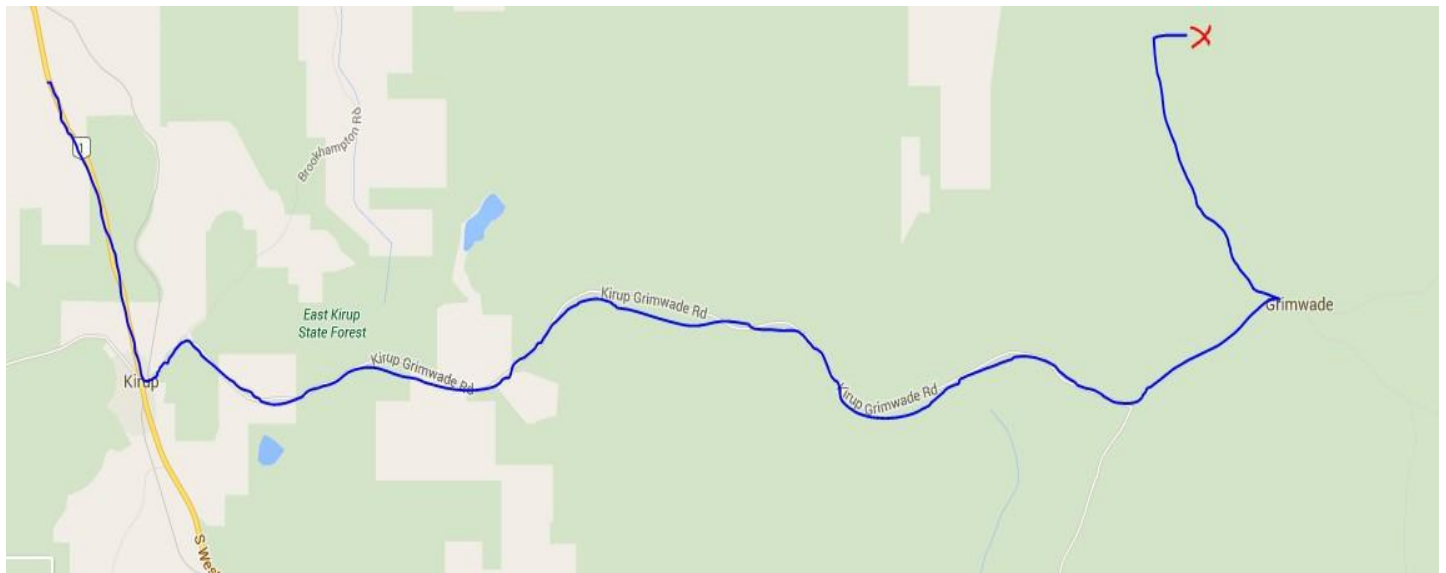
WASSA signpost/s will be marked on the roads with event HQ located at the entrance to the airstrip, you can park to the left or right on the Airstrip as per the designated areas in blue on the map below.

## Directions to the camp/race site

Coordinates = 33°40'19.2"S 116°02'23.1"E (-33.671986, 116.039753) to be used together with directions following:

### Directions below are from Kirup

- Head to Kirup on the South West Highway via Bunbury and Donnybrook.
- In Kirup, turn LEFT onto Brookhampton Road then in a few hundred meters turn RIGHT onto Kirup-Grimwade Road.
- In about 14km you reach the end of this road, turn LEFT onto Grimwade Road.
- The entry to the camping area is on the LEFT about 2.5km along, down Preston Road. It's not signposted but look out for the WASSA signs. [The Greenbushes-Grimwade Road goes out to the right but you want to turn LEFT onto the little track].
- Follow Preston Road until Grimwade Campground (which can be found on Google maps).
- Keep to the right hand track, skirting along the campground and lake.
- Continue along this road for 3.7km then turn RIGHT at the T junction.
- In 300m turn LEFT onto the airstrip. You have reached your destination.
- Please do not camp along the SOUTH WEST side of the airstrip [left] as this is part of the race track. Camping area is shown in BLUE on the map below
- Drivers be advised that there are a few kms of moderate quality dirt road to get to site.



Camping Grounds in the Grimwade Airstrip are marked in blue.





## Accommodation/Amenities

**Camp is open from midday Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023.**

You can camp to the left or the right of the airstrip as per the location in blue on the map provided.

Event HQ is a bush campsite with no facilities, but plenty of room for tents, campers, RV's and caravans.

**Please be considerate and leave camping spaces near the start line for the entrants with larger/multiple teams. Should you be camping next to someone, please ensure you liaise with them prior to setup.**

We will have a small number of portaloos on site, but if you can bring your own, please do. It is an open space (airstrip) with limited shade unless you camp in the trees.

The campsite will be close to the race start/finish chute, so you will not be required to drive between the camp and start line.

There is no water on site, so please bring enough water for your dogs and yourself to be self-sufficient for the duration of the event, with extra just in case.

The nearest store is in the town of Kirup.

There will be no rubbish disposal facilities on site, so all rubbish must be taken out with you (including your dog's poo).

Campfires are permitted only if contained within a portable campfire pit/ring. No ground fires are allowed.

**Dogs are not permitted to be free running or unrestrained at any time. Please ensure your dog(s) are on lead, tie-out line, crated or in the car/trailer when not racing.**

When staking out your dogs around the campsite please take into consideration the proximity of any other dogs & campers, clean up after your dog, and fill in any holes if your dog digs. Please also remove any straw and dog fur from around your campsite before you leave.

### \*\*\*PLEASE NOTE\*\*\*

**It is a condition of our site permit from DPaW that we do not bring soil or plant material onto site, to prevent dieback issues. 'Bleached, clean straw with no seeds' is permitted.**

If you have another kind of straw in your dog trailers, please remove it before your travel to the event site.

Please be mindful of this and bring appropriate dog bedding, as well as scooters, bikes, tents and vehicles that are free from soil. We want to ensure continued, future access to this race site.

## Vaccination Checks

There will be animal vaccination checks at this race, vaccination requirements are to be followed as per the Australian Sleddog Sports Association Race Rules and Procedures – Rule 5. Disease.

An online generator will be used to randomly select 10% of entrants by bib number. Please ensure you have all the relevant up-to-date vaccination/Titre Testing information and microchip numbers for every dog you bring to this event.

## Race Entries

\*The "Driver Name" for each class must be entered into the **HANDLER box** when registering for each class *i.e.* *Woman's Bikejoring - (Handler = Driver) Suzy Smith*

\*Every person attending the event must add the "Ground Fee" to your order as a **Per Person** attending *i.e.* *3 people attending = 3 x Ground Fee's paid (Children Under 5 Free)*

All mushers, members, spectators/non-mushers and non-members attending are required to pay a grounds fee.

**EVENT ENTRY CLOSING: 16th July 2023 @ 7.00pm**

**EVENT LATE ENTRY CLOSING: 19th July 2023 @ 5.00pm \$50 late fee.** Email [committee@wassa.com.au](mailto:committee@wassa.com.au) your entries and deposit all fees to WASSA account.

**EVENT CLASS CHANGES:** No class/driver changes will be available after the event closing 16/07/2023.

**EVENT REFUNDS:** Self refunding while online entries are open, this must be completed through Show Manager before the closing date 16/07/2023. No Refunds will be given after this cut off time and is the responsibility of the entrant to arrange.

## Race Etiquette

**All competitors and spectators are to remember the following to ensure safety of both humans and dogs on race days.**

- All dogs are to remain on leads, stake out lines or drop lines at all times, if not secured in a cool car or trailer.

- All people and dogs are to remain clear of the racetracks when classes are running.
- **Do not stand in front of the start/finish line. please stay well behind the barriers.**
- Speak to owners of dogs before approaching their dogs.
- Keep a distance of at least 2 metres from staked out dogs, when walking/stretching your dogs.
- Clean up after yourselves and your dogs to ensure future use of race locations.
- For any enquiries or questions regarding the races please speak to a committee member or race official (race officials will be wearing high visibility vests).

Helmets MUST be worn in all bikejoring, scooter and rig classes. Bikes, scooters and rigs must be equipped with cutters (cutters must not have an open blade). Headlights may be required for races if temperatures dictate an early start.

**The issued bib must be worn and visible at all times during the race.**

**If RFID is used for timing issued RFID transponder must be worn during the race and returned to committee after all heats.**

Race Etiquette and rules can be found online at [www.wassa.com.au](http://www.wassa.com.au), under the documents tab.

## Race Schedule

We are pleased to have Jess West as our Race Marshall for Jarrahwood Jaunt July 2023

The Race Jury will consist of Ken Bird, Claire Brain and Jarrad Foreman.

Driver's meetings will be held at the Event HQ Marquee (No dogs to be taken to race meeting).

You must attend the race meeting, should you not be at the meeting as scheduled you will not be able to race in that day's heats.

### Heat 1

Driver's meeting will be held at 3 pm Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Racing starts at 4pm (depending on temperatures)

**Classes will be run as follows:**

1. Pee Wee and Mini Pee Wee
2. Canicross
3. 1 Dog Veteran, Touring and Novice
4. 2 Dog Veteran, Touring and Junior
5. Bikejoring
6. 1 Dog
7. 2 Dog and 3 Dog
8. 4 Dog and 6 Dog

### Heat 2

Driver's meeting will be held at 5:30 am (depending on temperatures) Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

Racing starts at 6 am (depending on temperatures)

**Classes will be run as follows:**

1. 6 Dog and 4 Dog
2. 3 Dog and 2 Dog
3. 1 Dog
4. Bikejoring
5. 2 Dog Veteran, 1 Dog Touring and Junior
6. 1 Dog Veteran, 2 Dog Touring and Novice
7. Canicross
8. Pee Wee and Mini Pee Wee

You will be advised of the race order, and which classes are running together at the driver's meeting, the above is what we have planned to run together but may change on the day depending on the temperatures. Please arrive at the start chute promptly when called. Races will normally start no more than 10 minutes after the last dog from the previous heat has crossed the finish line.

Start times are approximate. Temperatures on the day will dictate actual start times. If safe temperatures are

not reached to allow the full race schedule to run as stated, time saving measures will be brought into play being shortening of distances in either or both heats or cancelling of heats.

Please ensure that all dogs not actively competing (or preparing to compete) in the current class are kept either in a cool car or trailer or secured well away from the track.

Please do NOT walk your dog anywhere near the tracks while people are racing.

**ASSA Race Rules and WASSA Bylaws must be STRICTLY adhered to.** The official rules of WASSA are available at [wassa.com.au](http://wassa.com.au) under *Documents*.

## Race Tracks

Races will be run on the tracks located around the campsite.

Race distances will be approximately as follows **and subject to change** depending on weather and track conditions.

**Novice, Junior, Veteran (1 & 2 Dog), Touring (1 & 2 Dog) & Canicross = 2.2 kms approx.**



**1 Dog & Bikejoring = 2.7 kms approx..**





