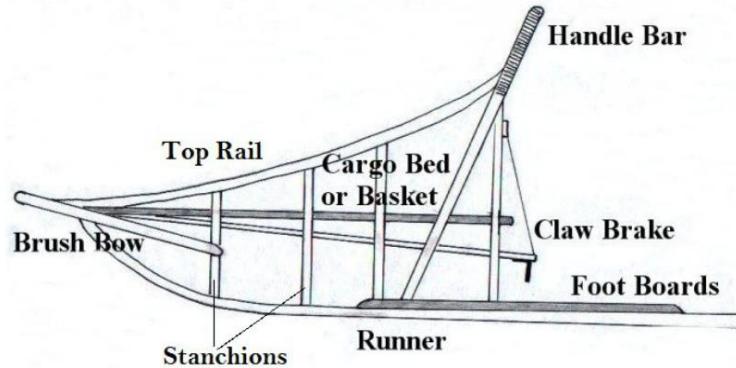


ANATOMY OF A DOG SLED



Part	Description	Importance	Photo
Brush Bow	A curved bar at the front of the sled, often made of wood, plastic, or composite materials.	Acts like a bumper, protecting the sled and musher from obstacles such as trees, rocks, or other sleds. It also helps maintain the sled's shape and adds structural integrity. Required for races all classes.	
Stanchions	Upright supports connecting the runners to the handlebar and basket.	Provide vertical stability and strength. They keep the sled rigid, ensuring it doesn't collapse under weight or stress. Front and rear stanchions are essential for distributing load evenly.	
Runners	Long, narrow strips (traditionally wood, now often plastic or composite) that glide over snow.	The sled's "skis." They reduce friction, allow smooth travel, and provide steering control. Runners are critical for speed, maneuverability, and efficiency on snow.	
Basket	The main body of the sled where gear, supplies, or passengers are carried.	Provides storage space for equipment, food, or even injured dogs. It's the functional cargo area, making the sled useful for racing, expeditions.... Required for races all classes.	
Dragmat	Usually made of heavy-duty rubber, reinforced canvas, or plastic mesh. Fastened to the sled via a solid tip-up system. Can be found in between the runners at the mushers feet.	Provides friction against the snow, slowing the sled gradually rather than abruptly. Tip-up system means that when the dragmat is not in use, it can be secured in an upright position. Required for bigger teams and Elite classes. Not required in Novice classes	
Brake	Crucial control device that allows the musher to slow down or stop the sled when needed.	Claw brake: hinged board with a single angled iron claw that digs into the snow. Allowed in Novice Classes only.	
	Can be found in between the runners at the mushers feet.	Two-Prong brake: two separate claws or spikes that dig into the snow simultaneously (sometimes called a double claw system). Required for bigger teams and Elite classes.	
Carabiner	Crucial to connect the gang line to the sled	Must be lockable (look for carabiners that are used for mountain/rock climbing)	

Name/Type	Photo	Meets IFSS	Reason	Allowed in Novice/Sportsman Class	Additional Notes
Danler Hornet		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Has brushbow Has basket / hard bottom Can transport a human or a dog Has a sled bag Two prong brake Dragmat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
RS Sprint Spyder		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Has brushbow Has basket / hard bottom Can transport a human or a dog Has a sled bag Two prong brake Dragmat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Nahak Sigma Sled		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Has brushbow Has basket / hard bottom Can transport a human or a dog Can be fitted with sled bag Two prong brake Dragmat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Novice only: No bag required No dragmat required
Chatmac Wooden Sled or Equivalent		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Has brushbow Has basket / hard bottom Can transport a human or a dog Can be fitted with a sled bag Can be fitted with two prong brake / dragmat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Novice only: No bag required Claw brake okay (some models) No dragmat required
Akko / wooden kicksled		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No brushbow Cannot hold a person Cannot hold a dog		→ Must be retrofitted with a brushbow and must have a brake and snow hook.
NAHAK Omega Kicksled		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No brushbow Cannot hold a person Cannot hold a dog		→ Must be retrofitted with a brushbow and must have a brake and snow hook.
RS Hobby Mini Spyder		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No brushbow Cannot hold a person Cannot hold a dog		→ Must be retrofitted with a brushbow and must have a brake and snow hook.
Danler Husky Buggy		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No brushbow		→ Must be retrofitted with a brushbow and must have a brake and snow hook.
Esla Kickslid		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No brushbow Cannot hold a person Cannot hold a dog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Esla Kickspark		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No brushbow No basket / hard bottom Cannot hold a person Cannot hold a dog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
Togo Kicksled		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No basket / hard bottom Cannot hold a person Cannot hold a dog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA
RS Hobby Speedy Kicksled		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No brushbow No basket / hard bottom Cannot hold a person Cannot hold a dog	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NA