



The **Polar Expeditions Classification Scheme (PECS)** is a grading and labelling system for extended, unmotorised polar journeys. It promotes universally-accepted vocabulary through its labels, terms and definitions and through the inclusion or absence of standardised Label Elements such as Solo, Unsupported and Full.

<b>TEAM</b>	<p><b>Solo</b> - A single person traveling alone for the entire length of a journey. A soloist should break trail for much of the journey.</p> <p><b>Team</b> - More than one person at the commencement of a journey</p>	In the absence of Solo in the label, Team is assumed
<b>AID</b>	<p>Will the journey benefit from any aid between start and end?</p> <p>A journey is SUPPORTED if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• it is resupplied</li> <li>• it off-loads or discards anything during the journey</li> <li>• it enters any building, aircraft or tent other than its own</li> <li>• it travels on or next to a road, vehicle track or flagged route</li> <li>• it is facilitated by a support vehicle</li> <li>• a team member is evacuated</li> </ul>	<p>A journey is Unsupported if it denies the use of ALL forms of Support</p> <p>In the absence of Unsupported in the label, Supported is assumed</p>
<b>MARGINS</b>	<p>The start and end points of a journey. A Journey is:</p> <p><b>Full</b> - if it utilises a coastal margin/s (fronted by sea or annual sea ice)</p> <p>[Not Full] - if it utilises inner coastal/perimeter margin/s</p> <p><b>Partial</b> - if it utilises inland or offshore (North Pole) margin/s</p>	In the absence of Full or Partial in the label, Not Full is assumed
<b>PATHS</b>	<p>A journey's route between start and end.</p> <p><b>Expedition</b> - one way, return, alternate return, reverse</p> <p><b>Crossing</b> - a traverse of a landmass or ocean</p> <p><b>Circumnavigation</b> - a unidirectional circular path</p>	<p>All Paths are either Full, Not Full or Partial</p> <p>The Path must be included in the label</p>
<b>MODE OF TRAVEL</b>	<p>The methods or combination of methods used to move or propel expeditioners on a journey.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dogsled</li> <li>• Kite-Ski</li> <li>• Paddle</li> <li>• Pedal Drive</li> <li>• Pedal-Ski</li> <li>• Row</li> <li>• Run</li> <li>• Ski</li> <li>• Ski-Paddle</li> <li>• Snowkite</li> <li>• Snowsail</li> <li>• Snowshoe</li> </ul>	The Mode of Travel must be included in the label

#### LABEL EXAMPLES

<b>South Pole Ski Expedition</b>	a team starting from an inner coastline and skiing on a flagged road to the South Pole
<b>Solo Unsupported Full Kite-Ski Crossing of Antarctica</b>	a solo unsupported kite-skier crossing Antarctica from coast to coast via the South Pole
<b>Unsupported Greenland Kite-Ski Crossing</b>	an unsupported team kite-skiing across the Greenland icecap, starting or ending above sea level
<b>Full Reverse North Pole Ski Expedition</b>	a resupplied team skiing from North Pole to land

A Description should accompany a Label and include additional details such as team size, genders, distance, duration, nationalities and if a team is guided.

For full definitions, guidelines and maps visit:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/j6xivda4o7ek958/PECS%20Definitions%20and%20Rulings.pdf?dl=0>