

Fur Fun Flyball Watermelon Classic 2017 Welcome Letter

Thank You!

Thank you all for entering! We look forward to a fun weekend of flyball together!

Tournament Format

The tournament is one (1) two-day limited tournament with 25 teams (20 Regular and 5 Multibreed teams, from 14 clubs), in 1 ring with 70+ ft of runback. The seed chart, racing formats, racing schedule and other info can be found here:

<http://www.furfunflyball.com/watermelonclassic.php>. We have 100 races (60 on Saturday and 40 on Sunday).

Regional Info

Please note that for regional championship purposes, this is a Region 9 tournament. Amanda Brown is the Regional Director. David Reinhart will be the onsite Acting Regional Director. Regular does count for regional championship purposes. Multibreed does not count for regional championship purposes. There is **NO CROSSLISTING** of dogs (i.e. a dog may be listed on **ONE TIMESHEET ONLY**).

Prizes/Titles/Awards

We have a small token gift for each team. Please sign up dogs that earn NAFA titles during the weekend (and please only those that are earned at our tournament) on our posted sheets. We will be giving title ribbons to each dog that earned titles at our tournament. There are no placement prizes, but we will announce winners, brags, and titles at awards ceremony Sunday afternoon.

Friday and Saturday Night Turf Time

We will be offering "turf time" Friday evening, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm, and Saturday evening, shortly after racing ends. You may sign up starting at 4:30 pm on Friday, and 2 pm on Saturday. Cost will be \$5/5 minutes. Please let us know if you need to rent the empty lane next to you or if you can utilize your mat time with a neighbor.

Site

The tournament will be held at [Quicksilver Canine](#) in Julian, NC. The facility is heated/air-conditioned (bring layers if you tend to get cold in a/c), and has plenty of indoor crating (crating areas NOT pre-assigned). Please do not block any entrances and be respectful of others. There are electrical outlets every so often and you are welcome to share them. Please plan to tarp your entire crating area (if you are crating on the turf). We will be setting up from Friday from noon until we are done. You may drop off any boxes, crates, etc.,... after 3 pm and before 9 pm Friday night. Please pick up after your dogs; bags and containers will be provided. Please do not allow dogs to urinate on the building or on anything someone has to pick-up.

This is a newly built site. We really appreciate your patience and understanding that some areas are not quite polished yet. Outside grass and parking are two such areas.

Currently, there is no wifi available and cell phone connections INSIDE the building are severely lacking. We CAN get a reasonable cell signal outside the building (we use Verizon).

Entrances/Parking/RV/Camping

Please unload at front door (pink block) or one of the doors in side/back (blue arrows), then proceed to RV/Car Parking area (yellow block). Depending on where you are crating indoors, a blue arrow door may be much closer to your crating area than through the front door. There will be some front and side parking spaces available on a first come, first served basis, but please be considerate for those needing access to unload.

RV camping – Please let Ben know if you are planning to RV camp (benjaminhill07@yahoo.com). No hookups. No electricity. Generators OK. Also, there are bathrooms inside (no showers) which are available for your use. BEFORE YOU SETUP, level, pull out your slides, etc.... PLEASE CHECK WITH BEN to make sure you're in an acceptable location. We will have a "shoe changing station" for RV campers, next the door closest to RV parking, in case you'd like to change from/to indoor/outdoor shoes.

Overhead view of property (turn west off Old Julian Road):



Overhead view of facility site:



Schedule

Friday	4:30 pm:	Turf Time Signup
	5:00 pm:	Turf Time Starts
	9:00 pm:	End of Turf Time
Saturday:	7:30 am:	Building Opens Box and lane check
	8:00 am:	Measuring Begins
	8:30 am:	Captains Meeting
	9:00 am:	Racing Begins
	2:00 pm:	Turf Time Signup
	6:00 pm:	Racing Ends (estimated)
	6:15 pm:	Turf Time (estimated)
Sunday:	7:00 a.m.	Building Opens
	8:00 a.m.	Racing Begins
	2:00 p.m.	Racing Ends – Awards (estimated)

WARM-UPS – 2 minutes for the weekend.

C-2 Forms

NAFA C-2 score sheets will be filled out with race schedules pre-printed. They will consist of one double-sided sheet for each team (some fit on one side). If you are using stickers be sure to bring one for each side/page of the form. Please do not bring entire C-2 forms. They will be discarded. Team lineups may be changed or a performance team may be declared up until the first race of their respective division has started. After a race has been run in a division no lineups may be changed for any reason in that division. PLEASE CHECK YOUR C.2 FORMS CAREFULLY. ONE MISTAKE CAN COST YOU EVERYTHING!!!

Judges

Amy Brubaker and Kyle Mankes will be our judges for the weekend.

Technology

- There is currently no wifi in the building, and cell signals inside are spotty at best. As such, we will be using a ringside race counter to show the CURRENT RACE. Thanks Jeremy Meeler for the advice and help. Due to the internet/signal situation, we will not be attempting to utilize flyballgeek this weekend.
- Thanks to Dave Thomas for the setup, maintenance and use of his most excellent APES (Auto Pass Evaluator System).

Scoring

- All Round Robins will be scored 1 point per heat won plus 2 points for winning the race (YES, including 3/5 races), 1 point for a tied race, 1/2 point for tied heats and 0 points for a loss. Highest cumulative points from the round robin(s) win. Ties are decided by:
 1. Head-to-head results (total heats won)
 2. Fastest non-breakout time in the tourney
 3. 2/3 race-off.

Line and Box Judges

We need help with line and box judge volunteers for each race (please). If you see an empty judge chair, please jump in and judge. Don't know how to judge? Ask to have someone instruct you. If you need a refresher course on line and box judging, check out the training video here: http://www.flyball.org/training_videos.html

Food

- We will NOT be taking a lunch break in the schedule, and don't have any food vendors at this event.
- There are a couple of restaurants (Chinese and Italian) and a grocery store (Food Lion) about 5 minutes away (Old Julian Rd x Woody Mill Rd). There are a number of fast food places about 10 to 15 minutes away (I-85 exit 124).
- You are welcome to bring your own food and drinks, coolers, etc..... Please try to keep anything messy on the concrete or on your tarped crating area, and not on the turf.

Emergency

Carolina Veterinary Specialists
501 Nicholas Road, Greensboro, NC 27409-2926
336.632.0605

Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital
1200 North Elm Street, Greensboro, NC 27401
336.832.7000

Site Address/Map

[Quicksilver Canine](#)

Google link [here](#)
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Julian, NC 27283

Please contact [Leerie](#) (336.420.9706) or [Julie](#) (336.314.6274) if you need us.