



**4 / 5 OCTOBER  
2025  
CASTLE HILL**

*Norwest's*  
21ST BIRTHDAY BASH



# WELCOME TO OUR PARTY



## In the Beginning...



The Norwest Thunderdogs Flyball Club was founded on 8th October 2004 as the flyball arm within the Norwest Canine Association Inc. The founding membership of the Thunderdogs was made up of 23 flyballers.

Norwest's first competition was at the ACT Flyball Frolic in December 2004. The Club sent three teams to that competition, displaying for the first time the gold and black Thunderdog's uniform.



## Acknowledgement of Country

This 21st Birthday Bash flyball race meeting takes place on Darug Country. The Norwest Thunderdogs Flyball Club recognise the Bidjigal people as the traditional custodians and protectors of the land on which the Castle Hill Showground is located today.



*In the spirit of reconciliation, the Norwest Thunderdogs Flyball Club acknowledge and pay respect to the past, present and future Traditional Custodians and Elders of this nation, and the continuation of cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.*

*Tiati murra Daruga pemel. Yanma muday ngurrawa. Yanmangun budyari Murugu.*



*This is Dharug land. Walk softly on country. Together we walk a good path.*



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## Location & Schedule



Dog Grounds (grass)  
Castle Hill Showground  
Doran Drive  
Castle Hill NSW

Check-in: 7:00am  
Measuring & Dog Checks: 7:15am  
Judges Briefing & Captain's Meeting: 7:30am  
Racing Commences: 8:00am  
Changeover Times: 90 seconds

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## Officials

**Judges:** Robyn Addie (supervisory), Karen Shields, Shell Gurney, David Strong (TAS)

**AFA Representative:** Heather Addie

**Timekeepers:** Richard Mellon (mentor), Christa Mellon, Emma Milharcic

**Competition Organiser:** Rebecca Scott

**Competition Secretary:** Amanda Pennicuik

Massive thanks to:

**Organising Committee:** Emma Milharcic, Christa Mellon, Lynda Gordon, Amanda Pennicuik, Rebecca Scott, Kaitlin Edwards, and the hands-on Norwest members who help set-up on Friday and early Saturday morning.

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# Celebrating 21 Years

Founded on 8 October 2004 as the flyball arm of the Norwest Canine Association Inc., the Norwest Thunderdogs burst onto the scene with a founding crew of 23 passionate flyballers. Just two months later, they made their debut at the ACT Flyball Frolic, proudly sporting the now-iconic gold and black Thunderdogs uniform.

In their very first year, the Thunderdogs made history by setting a Guinness World Record for the fastest flyball run. On 23 April 2005 in Canberra, as part of the Australian Guinness World Record TV series, the team blazed through in 18.16 seconds. The club still proudly holds the official Guinness World Record certificate for this achievement.

Since then, the Thunderdogs have continued to lead from the front. In 2008, they became the first Australian club to seed two teams in First Division at the National Championships - finishing first and third. In 2009, Thunderdogs filled half the spots in Australia's televised Purina World Dog Games, with their "6 Pak" team racing to victory and "Greased Lightning" grabbing third place.

Over 21 years, Norwest has grown into one of the largest dedicated Flyball clubs in Australia, amassing 25+ National Championship Titles and producing some of the fastest dogs in the country. Their lightning-quick racers have broken the Australian record 12 times, with the current best sitting at a blistering 15.987 seconds.

At the heart of it all is a commitment to positive reinforcement training, using treats, toys, and plenty of encouragement to build confidence and speed. Every Tuesday at Castle Hill, you'll find the Thunderdogs in action - training, bonding, and celebrating the incredible teamwork between handler and dog. Here's to 21 years of speed, teamwork, and wagging tails... and many more to come for the Norwest Thunderdogs!

## **The 23 Founding Members of Norwest Flyball**

Brian, Sheryl and Kim Lindsay, Pat Byrne, Gail Starr, Joanne Parkes, Helen Borchert, Lydia and Christian Markham, Garry Hehir, Fiona and Kevin Bulman, Amanda Pennicuik, Leoney and Glenn Pritchard, Joy Williams, Anne and Kylie Younger, Vanessa Brooks, Kerry and Philip Andrew, Ruth Pollard, Elizabeth Coombes.





## Rules & Regulations



This race meeting will be conducted under the Rules and Regulations of the Australian Flyball Association.

Countback rule will apply at the end of the day in the event of a division tie, as per the AFA Rules and Regulations.

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## Stewarding



All teams are requested to voluntarily steward throughout the meet to avoid unnecessary racing delays.

All stewards have the responsibility to raise their flag if they observe a safety issue or infringement of the rules during the race, e.g. a box or line steward may notice a potential hazard or rule infringement in the run-back area and signal to bring it to the judge's attention.

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## Changeover Time



Judges will signal when the warm-up period begins and again with 30 seconds remaining.



If a team is ready to race before the end of the 90 seconds, they may indicate this to the judge.

If there is a clash, please advise the judge in advance.

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## Team Changes

Ensure team changes are made on the teamsheet, updated on the official timesheet and initialled by an officiating Judge or AFA Representative before the first race.



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## Team Captains

Please include **all** dog heights on your teamsheets, and ensure dogs are circled on the teamsheet **before** their next race.

Check that all information, including a dog's CRN, is correct prior to signing off at the completion of the day's racing.



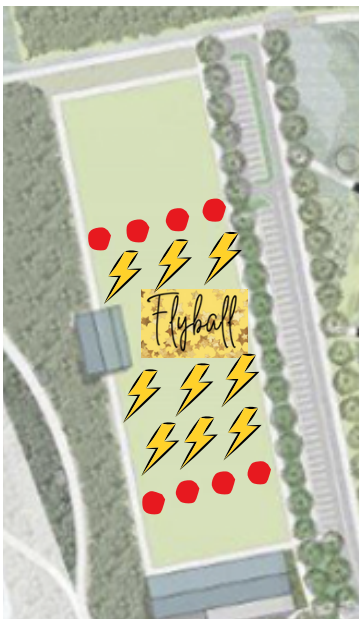
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## Birthday Cabanaville

The Castle Hill Dog Grounds are divided into separate areas for hire. Only specific grass areas have been hired for the 21st Birthday Bash event. Please set-up within the boundary of the fenceline and the coloured cones. Other rings and the undercover area may be booked for other events. Hard surface parking is available in marked spaces on the top-side of the grounds, as well as down behind the clubhouse under the trees.

All shelter structures must be securely pegged & tied down for safety.

On-deck shelters will be available for teams waiting to enter the ring. Crates and personal shelters are not permitted to be set-up or stored along ring boundaries, in official areas, or within / under permanent structures.





# 2025 Club of the Year

**Norwest Thunderdogs Flyball Club  
named the 2025 Australian Flyball Association  
Club of the Year!**



This award recognises clubs for their dedication to the sport of flyball through hosting race meets, encouraging participation, supporting the flyball community, and sharing the joy of the sport across Australia. This year, the Thunderdogs proudly hosted the most race meets in NSW, helping give competitors and their dogs the opportunity to train, race, and shine on the road to the 2025 Nationals.

This award follows our club hosting the 2024 Australian Flyball National Championships, where the tremendous efforts of our members were on display for all of Australia to enjoy.

This marks an impressive 12th time our club has received this award in the 21 years since our foundation which is a true testament to the commitment, hard work, and passion of every single Norwest Thunderdogs member.

We are honoured to receive this recognition and so proud of what our club continues to achieve together.



# Retiring Thunderdogs



Riot

Flyball Master | 653 points  
Handled and loved by Chloe Crass  
Retired from flyball in March 2025



Kevin

Flyball Master Excellent | 929 points  
Handled and loved by Rebecca Scott  
Retired from flyball in May 2025



Pikachu

Flyball Master Champion | 1,055 points  
Handled and loved by Sam Ramsay  
and Charlie Starkey Ramsay  
Retired from flyball in September 2025



Flame

Flyball Master Champion | 1,126 points  
Handled and loved by Jess Mellon  
Retired from flyball in March 2025



## Canine Courtesy

Please:

- Promptly clean up after your dog, using the bags and bins provided.
- Clean up and wash down if your dog fouls in the ring.
- Prevent dogs from urinating and marking on the ring bunting and equipment.



## Dog Supervision & Safety

As this race meeting is held at a community venue, all competitors are reminded to be aware that members of the public, sometimes with their own dogs, may be moving around our immediate competition area.

Flyball dogs are not to be left tethered and unattended, must be crated, and are not permitted to be off-lead outside of the flyball ring.

## Food & Drink

SATURDAY:

**Rolling Rolls** - Delicious bacon & egg rolls and a range of burgers.

**Hills Daily Grind** - Get your coffee hit from this Social Enterprise Project by Hills Community Aid.



SUNDAY:

**Skewers on Fire** - Scrumptious meat skewers for a quick bite.

**Escape the Ordinary** - Amazing coffee from a Norwest favourite!



# Our Amazing Sponsors



Thank you for making our 21st birthday party extra special.



SmashingCakes



# Rainbow Bridge



*Sonic*

2,351 Points - Flyball Dog Grand Champion  
Handled and loved by Amanda Pennicuik



*Maggie*

2,030 Points - Flyball Dog Grand Champion  
Handled and loved by the Mellon Family



*Paris*

1,555 Points - Flyball Master Champion - ONYX  
Handled and loved by Patricia Byrne



*Rusty*

556 Points - Flyball Master  
Handled and loved by Nathan Crass



*Mindy*

170 Points - Australian Flyball Champion  
Handled and loved by Patricia Byrne

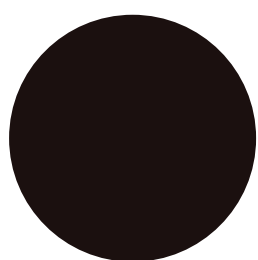
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**Five Thunderdogs now race  
where rainbows shine.**

**Sonic, Maggie, Rusty, Paris, Mindy.**

**In every cheer,  
their legacy remains.**

**Forever our Thunderdogs.  
Forever in our hearts.**





# Nearest Veterinarian Hospitals

Sydney Animal Hospital - Baulkham Hills

P: (02) 9517 5557

**Saturday & Sunday** 9am -5pm

A: 472 Windsor Road, Baulkham Hills 2153

Please let the organisers know if you are planning to take your dog to the vet during the race meeting.

Hills Animal Hospital

P: (02) 9659 1088

**Saturday** 9am -12pm

A: Unit 1A / 5 Salisbury Rd Castle Hill 2154

Castle Hill Veterinary Hospital

P: (02) 9634 2712

**Saturday** 8am - 3pm

A: 1 Francis St, Castle Hill NSW 2154



## Thank you!

**THANK YOU FOR COMING TO OUR 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY BASH.**

*Dainty Jane*  
CAKES

**NORWEST THUNDERDOGS FLYBALL CLUB  
HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL RACE  
MEETING. PLEASE JOIN US FOR BIRTHDAY  
CAKE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON.**

**SEE YOU IN THE RING AGAIN SOON!**

# Division Splits



CLUB	TEAM NAME	TEAM #	TEAM SEED TIME	TEAM GAP	ALLOCATE DIVISION	WEB or DEC	BREAK OUT
Norwest Flyball Club Inc.	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	1	16.41		1	WEB	15.91
Unleashed Flyball Club Inc	Unleashed Power	2	16.721	0.311	1	WEB	16.221
South Coast Tsunami Flyball	Tsunami Bar Crushers	3	17.873	1.152	1	WEB	17.373
Norwest Flyball Club Inc.	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	4	18.538	0.665	2	WEB	18.038
Southern Cross Flyball Club	Star Burst	5	19.1	0.562	2	DEC	18.6
Unleashed Flyball Club Inc	Unleashed Speed	6	19.373	0.273	2	WEB	18.038
Norwest Flyball Club Inc.	Norwest Thunderdogs 3	7	19.4	0.027	2	DEC	18.9
Sydney Scallywags Flyball INC	Scallywag Scoundrels	8	19.4	0	2	DEC	18.9
Manly and District Kennel and Dog Training Club	MAD Dash	9	21.8	2.4	3	DEC	21.3
Norwest Flyball Club Inc.	Norwest Thunderdogs 7	10	22	0.2	3	DEC	21.5
Sydneysiders Flyball Club	Pipsqueaks	11	26	4	3	DEC	25.5
OPEN	Thunderdog Stormchasers	12	17	-9	O1	DEC	16.5
OPEN	Fluff'n Around	13	18.3	1.3	O1	DEC	17.8
OPEN	Maximum Mayhem	14	20.5	2.2	O1	DEC	20
OPEN	High Flyers	15	21.2	0.7	O2	DEC	20.7
OPEN	Scallywag Terrors	16	22	0.8	O2	DEC	21.5
OPEN	Star Power - SthX	17	23.3	1.3	O2	DEC	22.8
OPEN	New Wave	18	24	0.7	O2	DEC	23.5

DIVISION	NUMBER OF TEAMS	DIVISIONAL GAP	DIVISIONAL SPREAD	HANDICAP/ NON-HANDICAP	RACE FORMAT	NUMBER OF RR	RACES PER TEAM	RACES PER DIVISION
1	3		1.463	HANDICAP	Best of 5	3	6	9
2	5	0.665	0.862	NON-HANDICAP	Fixed 3-heat	2	8	20
3	3	2.4	4.2	HANDICAP	Best of 5	3	6	9
O1	3		3.5	HANDICAP	Best of 5	3	6	9
O2	4	0.7	2.8	HANDICAP	Best of 5	2	6	12



# Running Order

## Saturday

SATURDAY					
Race no	Division	Handicap	RR	Left	Right
1	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Sallywag Scoundrels	Star Burst
2	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 3	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
3	1	Handicap	RR	Tsunami Bar Crushers	Norwest Thunderdogs 1
4	3	Handicap	RR	Pipsqueaks	MAD Dash
5	01	Handicap	RR	Maximum Mayhem	Thunderdog Stormchasers
6	02	Handicap	RR	New Wave	High Flyers
7	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Unleashed Speed	Sallywag Scoundrels
8	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Star Burst	Norwest Thunderdogs 3
9	1	Handicap	RR	Unleashed Power	Tsunami Bar Crushers
10	3	Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 7	Pipsqueaks
11	01	Handicap	RR	Fluff'n Around	Maximum Mayhem
12	02	Handicap	RR	Sallywag Terrors	Star Power - SthX
13	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Unleashed Speed
14	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 3	Sallywag Scoundrels
15	1	Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	Unleashed Power
16	01	Handicap	RR	Thunderdog Stormchasers	Fluff'n Around
17	02	Handicap	RR	High Flyers	Star Power - SthX
18	3	Handicap	RR	MAD Dash	Norwest Thunderdogs 7
19	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Star Burst	Unleashed Speed
20	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Sallywag Scoundrels	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
21	1	Handicap	RR	Tsunami Bar Crushers	Norwest Thunderdogs 1
22	3	Handicap	RR	MAD Dash	Pipsqueaks
23	01	Handicap	RR	Thunderdog Stormchasers	Maximum Mayhem
24	02	Handicap	RR	New Wave	Sallywag Terrors
25	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 3	Unleashed Speed
26	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Star Burst
27	1	Handicap	RR	Tsunami Bar Crushers	Unleashed Power
28	3	Handicap	RR	Pipsqueaks	Norwest Thunderdogs 7
29	01	Handicap	RR	Maximum Mayhem	Fluff'n Around
30	02	Handicap	RR	Star Power - SthX	New Wave
31	02	Handicap	RR	High Flyers	Sallywag Terrors
32	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Star Burst	Sallywag Scoundrels
33	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Norwest Thunderdogs 3
34	1	Handicap	RR	Unleashed Power	Norwest Thunderdogs 1
35	3	Handicap	RR	MAD Dash	Norwest Thunderdogs 7
36	01	Handicap	RR	Fluff'n Around	Thunderdog Stormchasers
37	02	Handicap	RR	High Flyers	New Wave
38	02	Handicap	RR	Star Power - SthX	Sallywag Terrors
39	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Sallywag Scoundrels	Unleashed Speed
40	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 3	Star Burst
41	1	Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	Tsunami Bar Crushers
42	3	Handicap	RR	Pipsqueaks	MAD Dash
43	01	Handicap	RR	Maximum Mayhem	Thunderdog Stormchasers
44	02	Handicap	RR	Star Power - SthX	High Flyers
45	02	Handicap	RR	Sallywag Terrors	New Wave
46	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Unleashed Speed	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
47	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Sallywag Scoundrels	Norwest Thunderdogs 3
48	1	Handicap	RR	Unleashed Power	Tsunami Bar Crushers
49	3	Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 7	Pipsqueaks
50	01	Handicap	RR	Fluff'n Around	Maximum Mayhem
51	02	Handicap	RR	New Wave	Star Power - SthX
52	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Unleashed Speed	Star Burst
53	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Sallywag Scoundrels
54	1	Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	Unleashed Power
55	3	Handicap	RR	Norwest Thunderdogs 7	MAD Dash
56	01	Handicap	RR	Thunderdog Stormchasers	Fluff'n Around
57	02	Handicap	RR	Sallywag Terrors	High Flyers
58	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Unleashed Speed	Norwest Thunderdogs 3
59	2	Non-Handicap	RR	Star Burst	Norwest Thunderdogs 4

# Running Order Sunday

SUNDAY					
Race no	Division	Handicap	RR	Left	Right
60	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Star Burst	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
61	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Unleashed Speed	Norwest Thunderdogs 3
62	O2	Handicap	R3	Scallywag Terrors	High Flyers
63	O1	Handicap	R4	Thunderdog Stormchasers	Fluff'n Around
64	3	Handicap	R4	Norwest Thunderdogs 7	MAD Dash
65	1	Handicap	R4	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	Unleashed Power
66	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Scallywag Scoundrels
67	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Unleashed Speed	Star Burst
68	O2	Handicap	R3	New Wave	Star Power - SthX
69	O1	Handicap	R4	Fluff'n Around	Maximum Mayhem
70	3	Handicap	R4	Norwest Thunderdogs 7	Pipsqueaks
71	1	Handicap	R4	Unleashed Power	Tsunami Bar Crushers
72	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Scallywag Scoundrels	Norwest Thunderdogs 3
73	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Unleashed Speed	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
74	O2	Handicap	R3	Scallywag Terrors	New Wave
75	O2	Handicap	R3	Star Power - SthX	High Flyers
76	O1	Handicap	R4	Maximum Mayhem	Thunderdog Stormchasers
77	3	Handicap	R4	Pipsqueaks	MAD Dash
78	1	Handicap	R4	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	Tsunami Bar Crushers
79	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Norwest Thunderdogs 3	Star Burst
80	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Scallywag Scoundrels	Unleashed Speed
81	O2	Handicap	R3	Star Power - SthX	Scallywag Terrors
82	O2	Handicap	R3	High Flyers	New Wave
83	O1	Handicap	R5	Fluff'n Around	Thunderdog Stormchasers
84	3	Handicap	R5	MAD Dash	Norwest Thunderdogs 7
85	1	Handicap	R5	Unleashed Power	Norwest Thunderdogs 1
86	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Norwest Thunderdogs 3
87	2	Non-Handicap	R3	Star Burst	Scallywag Scoundrels
88	O2	Handicap	R4	High Flyers	Scallywag Terrors
89	O2	Handicap	R4	Star Power - SthX	New Wave
90	O1	Handicap	R5	Maximum Mayhem	Fluff'n Around
91	3	Handicap	R5	Pipsqueaks	Norwest Thunderdogs 7
92	1	Handicap	R5	Tsunami Bar Crushers	Unleashed Power
93	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Star Burst
94	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Norwest Thunderdogs 3	Unleashed Speed
95	O2	Handicap	R4	New Wave	Scallywag Terrors
96	O1	Handicap	R5	Thunderdog Stormchasers	Maximum Mayhem
97	3	Handicap	R5	MAD Dash	Pipsqueaks
98	1	Handicap	R5	Tsunami Bar Crushers	Norwest Thunderdogs 1
99	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Scallywag Scoundrels	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
100	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Star Burst	Unleashed Speed
101	3	Handicap	R6	MAD Dash	Norwest Thunderdogs 7
102	O2	Handicap	R4	High Flyers	Star Power - SthX
103	O1	Handicap	R6	Thunderdog Stormchasers	Fluff'n Around
104	1	Handicap	R6	Norwest Thunderdogs 1	Unleashed Power
105	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Norwest Thunderdogs 3	Scallywag Scoundrels
106	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Norwest Thunderdogs 4	Unleashed Speed
107	O2	Handicap	R4	Scallywag Terrors	Star Power - SthX
108	O1	Handicap	R6	Fluff'n Around	Maximum Mayhem
109	3	Handicap	R6	Norwest Thunderdogs 7	Pipsqueaks
110	1	Handicap	R6	Unleashed Power	Tsunami Bar Crushers
111	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Star Burst	Norwest Thunderdogs 3
112	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Unleashed Speed	Scallywag Scoundrels
113	O2	Handicap	R4	New Wave	High Flyers
114	O1	Handicap	R6	Maximum Mayhem	Thunderdog Stormchasers
115	3	Handicap	R6	Pipsqueaks	MAD Dash
116	1	Handicap	R6	Tsunami Bar Crushers	Norwest Thunderdogs 1
117	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Norwest Thunderdogs 3	Norwest Thunderdogs 4
118	2	Non-Handicap	R4	Scallywag Scoundrels	Star Burst

# Lunch Time Training in the Ring Saturday ONLY



## 2025 Norwest's 21st Birthday Bash Training in the Ring Roster

Time slot	Club / Team	Contact	# dogs	Time in the ring (minutes)	Timing from start of lunch (minutes)
1	Sydneysiders Flyball Club	Christie Rothwell	11	10	0 - 10
2	Southern Cross Flyball Club	Leah Sundstrom	8	6	11 - 17
3	Norwest Flyball Club Inc.	Karen Shields	7	6	18 - 24
4	Coastal High Flyers	Emily Lyons	6	5	25 - 30
5	Unleashed Flyball Club Inc	Robyn Addie	6	5	31 - 36
6	Sydney Scallywags Flyball INC	Jenni Redmond	6	5	37 - 42
7	South Coast Tsunami Flyball	Sherrell Ridley	5	4	43 - 47
8	Manly and District Kennel and Dog Training Club	Lisa Brown	5	4	48 - 52
9	Maximum Velocity Flyball	Louise Stephen	5	4	53 - 57
10	St George Flyball Club	Joanne Drake	3	3	58 - 61
		TOTALS	62		61

