

Spring Classic

Flyball Competition

Saturday, 4th November, 2017



Dover Gardens Kennel & Obedience Club Inc.
Quick Road
Mitchell Park Reserve

Welcome!



Dover Gardens Kennel & Obedience Club Inc. would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Dover's Spring Classic Flyball competition. We wish you all the best of luck and hope you and your furry friends have loads of fun.

There are a number of people to thank for their assistance in running our competition: Martin Watt, Phil Sanders, Simon Rowe, Robyn Jackson, the Dover flyball team members and the Dover committee for their support and assistance.

Thanks must also go to the following people who play a vital role in the competition:

AFA Judges: Catherine Stroop & Martin Watt

AFA Representative: Simon Rowe

Time Keepers: Damien Tucker & Heather Sanders

Stewards: The organisers wish to acknowledge our appreciation to all stewards.

Thank you also to those who helped set up the equipment for today's racing.

Sponsorship

We wish to acknowledge our appreciation and thanks to our sponsors:

Black Hawk

Who have proudly donated today's prizes.
Every ingredient matters



SipnSave

Over 100 Bottle shops in South Australia.
Their ever generous donation to today's event



Thank you all!

Amenities

Toilets are at the rear of the building.

Food & Refreshments

Cold and hot drinks available.

GENERAL INFORMATION



This event is sanctioned by the Australian Flyball Association Inc. It will be run in accordance with the 'Rules and Policies' of the Australian Flyball Association Inc.

General

Apart from the dogs involved in the current race, all dogs must be held effectively (either on lead, staked in secure ground or crated). No dog is to be tied to the ring (either in or out of the ring).

Bitches in season are not permitted on the grounds.

Any dog that is considered unfit for racing, either by a Veterinarian or Judge, will be excused from the competition.

No dog related advertising other than that used by the competition organiser is permitted on display (eg bags, umbrellas, clothing etc.).

Code of Misconduct

Code of Ethics:

Cooperation and good sportsmanship should not be recognised in passive observance, but as a way of life in training and competition. Participants shall, at all times be courteous and friendly. At no time should they show displeasure with a dog. Judge, exhibitor, AFA representative, sponsor, host or spectator in or out of the ring. Never conduct yourself in a manner that would bring discredit to the sport of flyball. As a participant, whether it be exhibitor, trainer, Judge, host or AFA representative, you typify the sport of flyball.

Misconduct:

Misconduct shall include, but not be limited to, abusive or foul language, demonstration of dissatisfaction with a Judge's decision, inhumane treatment of a dog, demonstration of poor sportsmanship, wilful violation of the rules with intent to gain an unfair advantage or any other behaviour that would leave a spectator or exhibitor with an unfavourable opinion of the sport of flyball.

Protests:

Should a protest be lodged at a competition, that protest should be lodged before the commencement of the next heat. Further protests shall be submitted in writing to the Australian Flyball Association Inc. for appropriate action.

Changeover Time

Being a handicap competition, the changeover time is set at **3 minutes** (in order to allow extra time for the time keepers' calculations and to reset the timers).

From the time the winner of the last heat in a race is declared by the Judge and the flag is raised in the centre of the ring, teams will have this time to set up their box, adjust jumps to the correct height and give some dogs practice prior to the start of the next race. The Judge will give a 30 sec warning. If a team is ready to race within this time, please indicate such to the Judge. If a team is not ready to race within reasonable time, the heat will be forfeited and the win awarded to the opposing team.

Competition format

Round Robin Handicap Racing Format

Rules for the conduct of Round Robin Handicap Racing are the AFA rules for Round Robin Format with following variations:

- To accommodate handicap structure there will be no rerun for first false start. Where the start dog from either team false starts that dog must run again as a 5th dog;
- The sound system on the Signature lights is to be disconnected (or programmed to be silent) during the start sequence so that both teams receive light signals only. (If sound is not disconnected then under the handicap structure the first team only receives a sound countdown). It may be reconnected after the first team's start to signal bad crosses.
- Handicap times will be calculated for each and every race based on the difference in seed time of both teams.
- Breakout Times for every team will also be based on their seed time minus 1 second. All teams (including Division 1) will have a Breakout time in this format.

Each team will have the opportunity to run against every other team in the event.

Competition points are accumulated by counting 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie and nil points for a loss of a race. All heats in a round robin race must be run unless it is a best of 5 heats race, to earn round robin points. Eg: the 2 points for a win in a 5 heat race will go to the team that won at least 3 heats in that race. If a team is running a dead race, (the opposing team has pulled itself from the competition, so a team has to run a race of its own) they must complete successfully a minimum of heats eg in a 5 heat race they would have to complete 3 heats, and in a best 3 of five, they would have to complete 3 heats to enable them to earn the 2 points for a round robin win, but must still run all the required heats in that race. If they did not complete these heats, they don't get any round robin points for that race and a loss is recorded on their time sheet. At the end of the day, the team with the most points wins.

At the end of the day, if two or more teams end up with the same amount of round robin points, the winner will be decided using Count Back.

Handicap Racing (where gap of greater than 10 seconds exists)

While the Farmtek EJS timing system allows a gap of more than 10 seconds to be inputted to the system, the system is hard programmed to a maximum 10 second gap. As such, even where a gap of 10 or more seconds is entered, the handicap will commence countdown at 10 seconds. This clearly presents a problem where a handicap gap in excess of 10 seconds exists either in normal handicap racing or in Championship racing formats.

The following guidance is offered to competition organisers to consider managing this issue where it arises.

Where a manual handicap start is required, that is entered teams have an entry gap of 10 seconds or more competition organisers will need to revert to the use of manual starting to support the operation of the EJS timing system. Where this approach is required, a stop-watch will be used to determine/announce the start for the faster team where the gap is in excess of 10 seconds. This will be done through the use of a designated official whose role, for these races, is solely to count the seconds allocated to the handicap start. That is, where the gap is 15 seconds, the designated official will commence a countdown from 5 seconds, counting down out loud each second from 10 to 0 seconds. False start detection will be manual but breakout still applies.

Signal cards

YELLOW CARD - indicates formal 'caution' for any of the following offences:

- Not being courteous and friendly in manner.
- Purposefully delaying the start of a heat.
- For showing displeasure with a dog, Judge, Stewards, AFA Representative, host club, sponsor, another AFA member or spectator, in or out of the ring. This includes dissent by word or actions.
- Demonstration of poor sportsmanship.
- For entering the ring to set up for a new race before the Judge has declared the previous race.
- Interference (first offence).

RED CARD - indicates that an AFA member is to be 'sent off' for (3) heats for any of the following offences:

- Any other behaviour or altercation that would leave a spectator or exhibitor with an unfavourable opinion of the sport of flyball.
- Mistreatment of a dog (includes any unreasonable treatment short of violence that causes a dog to display obvious and sustained distress).
- Abusive or foul language.
- Demonstration of dissatisfaction with a Judges decision. This includes approaching stewards or time keepers to question them about the decision.
- Interference (second offence).
- A second incident of any offence listed under the Yellow Card.

BLACK CARD - indicates that an AFA member is to be excused from the remainder of the competition for any of the following offences:

- Wilful violation of the rules with the intent to gain an unfair advantage (this includes sand bagging).
- Aggression whether it is between dogs or handlers. It will also include a dog that is suspected of aggression.
- Inhumane treatment of a dog (including racing a dog under 12 months of age). Whilst this is a penalty against the handler, the dog will be dismissed from the competition and all heats run with that dog will be forfeited.
- A third incident of any offence listed under the Yellow Card and a second incident under the Red Card.

NOTE:

Black Card offences for aggression between dogs and/or handlers will automatically stand down a dog/handler from entering another competition until the AFA Committee has made a decision about the incident. All Black Card offences will be presented to the AFA Committee for discussion and could result in disciplinary action.



Team Details

Fly'd Over

Captain: Simon Rowe

20.00 De-

Astro	1151B	10"	Border Collie/Jack Russell Terrier X	M. Watt
Murphy	2275A	13"	Border Collie	S. Rowe
Izzy	2908A	14"	Border Collie/Kelpie X	J. Mitchell
Nessie	2344B	12"	Border Collie	A. Masterman
Eddie	2706B	14"	Collie X	M. Jolley

Para Ball Busters

Captain: J Hillier/C Dalla Valle 22.10 Declared

Sasha	2817A	13"	Border Collie	S. Cousins
Jess	2584B	14"	Border Collie	J. Hillier
Pickles	2740B	14"	Australian Shepherd	K. Walker
Jess	758B	14"	Australian Shepherd	C. Dalla Valle
Shelby	2984A	13"	Australian Shepherd	B. Thomas
Tommy	2939A	14"	Kelpie/Staffy X	C. Starks

Para Troopers

Captain: Michelle Stokes

22.50 Declared

Scarlett	1092B	14"	Australian Shepherd	M. Stokes
Jaye	2343B	14"	German Shepherd	M. Dalla Valle
Loki	754B	14"	Australian Shepherd	J. Stokes
Mossy	1071C	14"	Kelpie	M. Kleemann
Desta	2466A	14"	Boxer X	K. Gosnold
Itty Bitty	2590B	12"	Australian Shepherd	J Huser

Run'd Over

Captain: Robyn Jackson

24.00 Declared

Spud	2764A	14"	Australian Shepherd	J Packer
China	2494B	11"	Shar Pei	J. Danielson
Kit	913C	12"	Miniature Poodle	R. Jackson
Indie	2752A	14"	Kelpie X	D. Booth
Rosie	2706A	7"	Cairn Terrier	D. Sumsion

Para Ballistics

Captain: Carmel Nottle

25.50 De-

Gypsy	2507A	14"	Labrador Retriever	C. Nottle
Bunji	2507B	14"	Labrador Retriever	C. Nottle
Abyss	2590A	10"	Staffy	B. Huser
Tessa	2740A	14"	Australian Shepherd	K. Walker
Treble	2166B	14"	Australian Shepherd	A. Stapledon
Aranea	2994A	14"	Labrador Retriever	P. Elkins

Para Strollers

Captain: L. Stapledon

33.50 De-

Noah	2166A	14"	Australian Shepherd	A. Stapledon
Flame	657B	14"	Australian Shepherd	R. Knapp
Mia	2198A	14"	Dalmatian/Coolie X	L. Tomlinson
Hendrix	2517A	10"	Cocker Spaniel	L. Stapledon
Sydney	2913A	9"	Cocker Spaniel	N. Elkins
Wally	2584A	7"	Maltese/Shih Tzu X	A. Breummer

RUNNING ORDER SPRING CLASSIC 4th November 2017 - Round Robin 1

Race	Div.	Left Lane	H/cap (secs)	Manual (secs)	B'out		Right Lane	H/cap (secs)	Manual (secs)	B'out	Heats	Judge	Change overs
1	1	Para Ball Busters	0.00		21.50	v	Para Troopers	0.40		21.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
2	1	Para Strollers	9.50	5.00	32.50	v	Fly'd Over	0.00		32.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
3	1	Run'd Over	0.00		24.50	v	Para Ballistics	1.50		24.50	3	Martin	3 min.
4	1	Para Troopers	0.00		32.50	v	Para Strollers	10.00	1.00	32.50	3	Martin	3 min.
5	1	Run'd Over	1.90		23.00	v	Para Ball Busters	0.00		23.00	3	Martin	3 min.
20 MINUTE BREAK													
6	1	Para Ballistics	5.50		24.50	v	Fly'd Over	0.00		24.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
7	1	Para Ball Busters	0.00		32.50	v	Para Strollers	9.40	2.00	32.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
8	1	Fly'd Over	0.00		23.00	v	Run'd Over	4.00		23.00	3	Catherine	3 min.
9	1	Para Ballistics	3.00		24.50	v	Para Troopers	0.00		24.50	3	Martin	3 min.
10	1	Para Strollers	9.50		32.50	v	Run'd Over	0.00		32.50	3	Martin	3 min.
20 MINUTE BREAK													
11	1	Para Ball Busters	0.00		24.50	v	Para Ballistics	3.40		24.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
12	1	Para Troopers	2.50		21.50	v	Fly'd Over	0.00		21.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
13	1	Para Ballistics	0.00		32.50	v	Para Strollers	8.00		32.50	3	Martin	3 min.
14	1	Run'd Over	1.50		23.00	v	Para Troopers	0.00		23.00	3	Martin	3 min.
15	1	Fly'd Over	0.00		21.10	v	Para Ball Busters	2.10		21.10	3	Catherine	3 min.
ONE HOUR LUNCH BREAK													

RUNNING ORDER SPRING CLASSIC 4th November 2017 - Round Robin 2

Race	Div.	Left Lane	H/cap (secs)	Manual (secs)	B'out	Right Lane	H/cap (secs)	Manual (secs)	B'out	Heats	Judge	Change overs
16	1	Para Troopers	0.40		21.50	v Para Ball Busters	0.00		21.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
17	1	Fly'd Over	0.00		32.50	v Para Strollers	9.50	5.00	32.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
18	1	Para Ballistics	1.50		24.50	v Run'd Over	0.00		24.50	3	Martin	3 min.
19	1	Para Strollers	10.00	1.00	32.50	v Para Troopers	0.00		32.50	3	Martin	3 min.
20	1	Para Ball Busters	0.00		23.00	v Run'd Over	1.90		23.00	3	Martin	3 min.
20 MINUTE BREAK												
21	1	Fly'd Over	0.00		24.50	v Para Ballistics	5.50		24.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
22	1	Para Strollers	9.40	2.00	32.50	v Para Ball Busters	0.00		32.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
23	1	Run'd Over	4.00		23.00	v Fly'd Over	0.00		23.00	3	Catherine	3 min.
24	1	Para Troopers	0.00		24.50	v Para Ballistics	3.00		24.50	3	Martin	3 min.
25	1	Run'd Over	0.00		32.50	v Para Strollers	9.50		32.50	3	Martin	3 min.
20 MINUTE BREAK												
26	1	Para Ballistics	3.40		24.50	v Para Ball Busters	0.00		24.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
27	1	Fly'd Over	0.00		21.50	v Para Troopers	2.50		21.50	3	Catherine	3 min.
28	1	Para Strollers	8.00		32.50	v Para Ballistics	0.00		32.50	3	Martin	3 min.
29	1	Para Troopers	0.00		23.00	v Run'd Over	1.50		23.00	3	Martin	3 min.
30	1	Para Ball Busters	2.10		21.10	v Fly'd Over	0.00		21.10	3	Catherine	3 min.

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