



## Rules for 2021 Flyball Nationals novelty event held on 14 March 2022

### Novelty event racing

Run as per AFA rules and open racing

### Beginner training in the ring *(Run as per AFA lunchtime training rules)*

- Dogs entered in the Novelty events, beginner singles, singles or pairs competition on the same day (Monday) are not eligible to enter beginner training

### Beginner Singles *(Run as per single and pairs rules with the following additions)*

- Dogs must be registered with the AFA and hold less than 5 AFA title points as at the entry closing date
- Dogs must be over 18 months of age
- A barrier will be placed in the middle of the lanes and will be extended into the runback area if required
- Dogs entered in the beginner singles are not eligible to enter Novelty singles and pairs

### Singles and pairs

- Handlers must be financial members of the AFA
- Dogs must be registered with the AFA and hold at least 5 AFA Title Points as at the entry closing date
- Dogs entered in the OPEN competition racing on the same day (Monday) are not eligible to race in Novelty Singles or Pairs
- All AFA rules apply - NO title points are given for this event and cards will be issued if infringements occur.
- A declared seed time must be entered for both Singles & Pairs.
- Racing will be in Divisions based upon seed time splits
- Racing will be round robin format, subject to entries – (Scratch or Handicap)
- One false start per handler per heat will be allowed.
- Competitors may use their own box or supplied boxes will be available.
- Both Singles and Pairs Divisions will be capped at 3 heats across 6 races limiting the total combined heats to 36 heats.
- Cross listed dogs are to race in no more than 40 heats.

#### Singles

- Singles Jump heights will be determined by AFA rules for jump height of dog as nominated by the Handler
- Breakout time will be 0.25 secs faster than the declared seed time

#### Pairs

- Dogs in Pairs teams do not have to be from the same club (only one handler's club is required)
- Pairs jump heights will be determined by the 'height' dog in the pair, as nominated by the Handler.
- In Pairs racing, one rerun per team per heat will be allowed for early passing
- Breakout time will be 0.50 sec faster than the declared seed time