



**COCONUT CLASSIC**



**FLYBALL TOURNAMENT**



## **Fur Fun Flyball 2024 Welcome Letter**

### **Tournament Format**

One (1) two-day unlimited tournament with 61 teams (29 Regular, 8 Multibreed, and 24 Open teams, from 27 clubs), in 2 rings with 63+ ft of runback. The seed chart, racing formats, racing schedule and other info can be found here:

<http://www.furfunflyball.com/coconutclassic.php>. We have 244 races (145 on Saturday and 99 on Sunday).

### **Regional Info**

This is a Region 9 tournament. Laura Kroeger is the acting Regional Director.

### **Judges**

Jon Bescher, Chris Carr, Lucy Meyo, and Amy Stewart will be our judges for the weekend.

### **Schedule**

Friday	4:30 pm:	Mat Time Signup
	5:00 pm:	Mat Time Starts
	7:45 pm:	End of Mat Time
	8:00 pm:	Building Closes (or at the conclusion of mat time, whichever comes first)
Saturday:	7:00 am:	Building Opens Box and lane check
	7:30 am:	Measuring Begins
	8:00 am:	Captains Meeting
	8:30 am:	Racing Begins
	6:45 pm:	Racing Ends (estimated) NO MAT TIME SATURDAY NIGHT
	7:00 pm:	Building Closes
Sunday:	7:00 am:	Building Opens
	8:00 am:	Racing Begins
	1:00 pm:	Raffle Draw (approx.)
	3:30 pm:	Racing Ends (estimated)
	4:00 pm	Awards (estimated)

WARM-UPS – 2 minutes all weekend.

## **Gifts/Prizes**

Each team will receive welcome gifts (assorted dog treats including goodies from [SpaceDog Treats](#)) at the captain's meeting Saturday morning. Placement prizes designed and created by [Sparkle Swag](#) will be handed out at the awards ceremony on Sunday after racing. Junior Handler gifts will also be presented at the awards ceremony.

## **Titles/Ribbons**

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 give title ribbons to each dog that earned titles at our tournament. For custom ribbons (ONYX and above) make sure you indicate color choice(s). We will order custom ribbons after the tournament and get them to you at the earliest convenience.

## **Special Awards:**

The Coconut Classic has always been a unique event: part flyball tournament but also healthy doses of decorating, costumes, singing and dancing, skits, and interactive exhibits. As the event has grown and changed over the years, so have the extra-curricular activities.

Here's a rundown of our special awards:

### **King and Queen of the Nut**

We love a good game of dress-up! These awards are given to two individuals attending the tournament and dressing up in their own unique costumes. We will crown King and Queen based on the following criteria:

- Overall fabulousness
- Commitment (did your costume stay on all day? did you race in it?)
- Attitude of royal benevolence (good deeds, etc)

### **Lynn Hull Team Spirit Award**

Show us you're nuts! This award goes to the club that works together to create a fun theme, through decorating, costumes, activities, etc, throughout the weekend. We present this award in honor of our dear teammate, Lynn, who loved to party. Show your team spirit and fly those freak flags. Judges will select a winner based on the following criteria:

- Having an awesome theme
- Club participation and inclusion (did everyone on the team join in?)
- Commitment (it's a marathon, not a sprint. dressing up for one race doesn't cut it)
- Sociability (any activities or exhibits in which others can participate)
- Overall nuttiness

\*NOTE\* in past years this category focused on 'crating area decorations.' we have broadened our criteria to include clubs who don't necessarily crate indoors or in a central location

The winning club earns a free team entry to the Coconut Classic 2025.

### **Susie Ellis Sportsmanship Award**

Be nice, don't bite! This award goes to an individual in the flyball community who consistently displays great sportsmanship. They are helpful and encouraging to fellow competitors, kind to dogs and people alike and always willing to lend a hand when needed.

## Dream Team

As always, at the end of the weekend we will be selecting six dogs, a boxloader, and a coach for our Coconut Classic Dream Team. Nominations for the Dream Team (nominations, not votes, please don't stuff the ballot box) accepted all day on Saturday at the hospitality table.

## Site

The tournament will be held at the Greensboro Sportsplex in Greensboro, NC. The facility is heated/air-conditioned, and has plenty of indoor crating (crating areas are pre-assigned). Please do not block any entrances and be respectful of others. We have been told by the venue that **NO CROCKPOTS** are allowed (they will blow a fuse). Also, please plan to **TARP YOUR ENTIRE CRATING AREA** (there is carpeting under the sports court tiles). We will be setting up from 9 am Friday until we are done. You may drop off any boxes and balls after 3 pm and before 8 pm Friday night. The building will close promptly at 8 pm Friday night. The outside has grass areas that must be kept clean as usual; bags and containers will be provided. **Please do not allow dogs to urinate outside on the building, in the main entrance area, or on anything someone has to pick-up. Please pay attention to your dog while you are talking so that you don't miss picking something up that your dog has left behind.** Please observe all posted signs for parking restrictions. No alcoholic beverages allowed on the premises.

## 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!!!**

Warm up spot dogs on C.2 forms should be written in clearly underneath the 6th dog or at the bottom of the form under the races and must include a CRN.

## Friday Night Mat Time

We will be offering "mat time" Friday evening, beginning at 5:00 PM. Online signup for mat time will be available on 6/13. You may sign up in person starting at 4:30 PM. 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. There will NOT be any mat time on Saturday. NO RESTRICTIONS on dogs eligible for mat time.

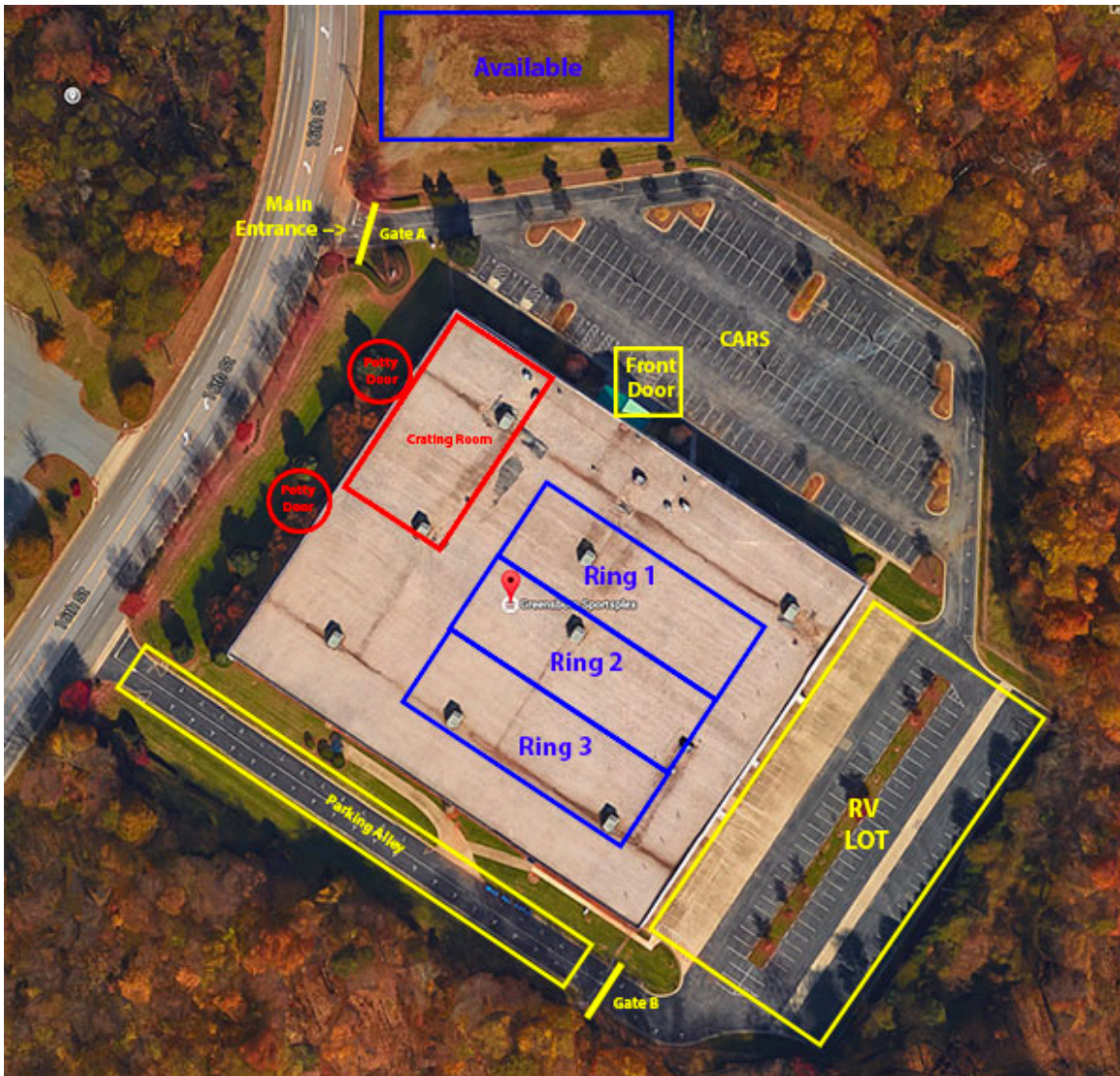
## Raffle

We will be having a raffle drawing Sunday afternoon at approximately 1 pm. Racing will not stop. Thanks to all who contributed.

## RV/Camping/Entrances/Parking

RV camping – Please let Phil know if you are planning to RV camp (pgetty24@gmail.com). No hookups. No electricity. Generators OK. \$20 per night for campers (tent camping no

charge). There are locker rooms and showers (may be cold water only) inside, which are available while the building is open (3 pm to 8 pm Friday, 7 am to 7 pm Saturday, 7 am to end of racing Sunday). See aerial photo and notes:



- NOTE: for 2024 we have 2 rings.
- [Phil](#) will create an RV map assigning spaces grouped by club, which will include the location of the dumpster and ensure clear fire lanes.
- The front door, potty doors, and one door from the building to the "RV lot," are the only doors available for foot traffic.
- The automatic gates are no longer functional and will NOT be locked each night.
- Area marked "Available" CAN be used for overflow parking).
- Please do not pile trash bags around the poop bucket containers. Put all trash in the dumpster.

## Ring Assignment Information/Heat Counters/APES

- Thanks to the FlyballGeek ring assignment system, Amanda Brown, and Jeremy Meeler, race ring assignments can be viewed on the TVs, and on your web enabled mobile device here: <http://flyballgeek.com/r/39>. Please note you can verify the time

of the last update via the time stamp. The schedule can be accessed here:

<http://flyballgeek.com/v/39>

- There are ringside race counters that show the race in the ring, and the on-deck race.
- Thanks to Jeremy Meeler for your APES (Auto Pass Evaluator System), and for making it all work in the Pink and Black rings!

## 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. Lost and NF heats do not earn placement points.
- The highest cumulative points from the round robin(s) win. Ties are decided by (1) Head to head results (heats won), (2) Fastest (non-breakout time in the division), (3) 2/3 Tie-breaker race.

## Line Judges and Worker Raffle

We are running FIVE teams and hosting the event, so we need line judge volunteers for each race (Line judges will be given a raffle ticket for each race they judge). About every 2 hours a \$20 bill will be raffled for the volunteer judges, and \$50 will be raffled Sunday at the awards ceremony (from all non-winning tickets). If you must leave before the final raffle drawing(s) be sure to give your ticket(s) to someone. You must claim your prize or another ticket will be drawn at the end of the tournament until the prize is claimed. If you see an empty judge chair, please jump in and judge. Don't know how to judge? Ask to have someone instruct you. Fur Fun club members and their families are not eligible to win, so if you see a Fur Fun member judging, feel free to step in and work so you can get a chance at the raffle!! If you need a refresher course on line judging, check out the training video here:

[http://www.flyball.org/training\\_videos.html](http://www.flyball.org/training_videos.html)

## Food

- If you need suggestions or directions to off-site food:  
[https://furfunflyball.com/tournaments/CC/Food\\_Recommendations\\_GSO.pdf](https://furfunflyball.com/tournaments/CC/Food_Recommendations_GSO.pdf)
- There are a number of fast food (and other) restaurants in very close proximity.
- The concession stand WILL NOT be open this weekend.
- [Pelican's Snoballs](#) truck will be on site Saturday 2 pm to 7 pm.

## Vendors

The following vendors will be selling their products at the tournament. Please support them and shop, shop, shop!!

- **Cayley Bridges** – Photography
- Dr. Jen Rouse with **Homestead Vet Rehab & House Calls**, PLLC is certified in veterinary rehab and chiropractic care. Her practice focuses on fitness, performance, and pain management. She will be offering adjustments and rehab services as well as having laser therapy available on site. I will also have a small supply of Nutramax supplements available for purchase.
- **Imagine Canine Academy** – Discover Saint Rocco's Treats, Ruff Land Kennels, and WestPaw products at Imagine Canine Academy's booth! Enhance your dog's life with premium treats, durable kennels, and enriching toys. Plus, learn about our expert training services to foster a happy, well-behaved companion.
- [Spacedog Treats](#) will be on site with lots of freeze dried treat options available for sale.

- **Thread it All** - Tugs and embroidered tote bags

## **Emergency**

Carolina Veterinary Specialist, open 24 hrs  
501 Nicholas Rd, Greensboro 27409  
~20 min away  
336-632-0605

Happy Tails Veterinary Hospital, open after 6 pm on Fri thru Sat and Sun  
2936 Battleground Ave, Greensboro, 27408  
~ 10 min away  
336-285-0173

Guilford College Animal Hospital/After Hours Emergency Clinic, open 24 hrs  
5505 West Friendly Ave, Greensboro, 27410  
~20 min away,  
336-851-1990,

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

## **Site Address/Map**

**Greensboro Sportsplex**  
2400 16th St, Greensboro, NC 27405  
(336) 373-3272

<http://www.furfunflyball.com/tournaments/CC/SportsplexFlyballMap.jpg>

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