

# Fur Fun Flyball

## Sweet Tea Classic 2024

### Welcome Letter



### Tournament Format

One two-day unlimited tournament with 49 teams (18 Regular, 8 Multibreed, and 23 Open teams from 21 clubs), in 2 rings with 63+ ft of runback. The seed chart, racing formats, and racing schedule can be found here: <http://www.furfunflyball.com/sweetteaclassic.php>. There are 109 races Saturday and 87 races on Sunday.

### Regional Info

This is a Region 9 tournament. Amanda Brown is the Regional Director.

### Judges

Jon Bescher, Chris Carr, Bryan Roper, 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
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
	4:00 pm:	Mat Time Signup
	4:30 pm:	Racing Ends (estimated)
	5:00 pm:	Mat Time Starts
7:45 pm:	End of Mat Time	
Sunday:	7:00 am:	Building Opens
	8:00 am:	Racing Begins
	1:00 pm:	Raffle Draw (approx.)
	2:30 pm:	Racing Ends (estimated)
	3:00 pm	Awards (estimated)

WARM-UPS – 2 minutes for the weekend.

### Gifts/Prizes

Each team will receive welcome gifts (assorted dog and human treats including goodies from [SpaceDog Treats and Sparkle Swag](#)). A gift for each adult and Junior Handler gifts will be presented at the awards ceremony. Finally, Shelly will present the Fury Award to an inspirational and deserving dog and human team.

### 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.

## 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 10 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 dogs should be written in clearly on C.2 forms and must include a CRN.

## Friday and Saturday Night Mat Time

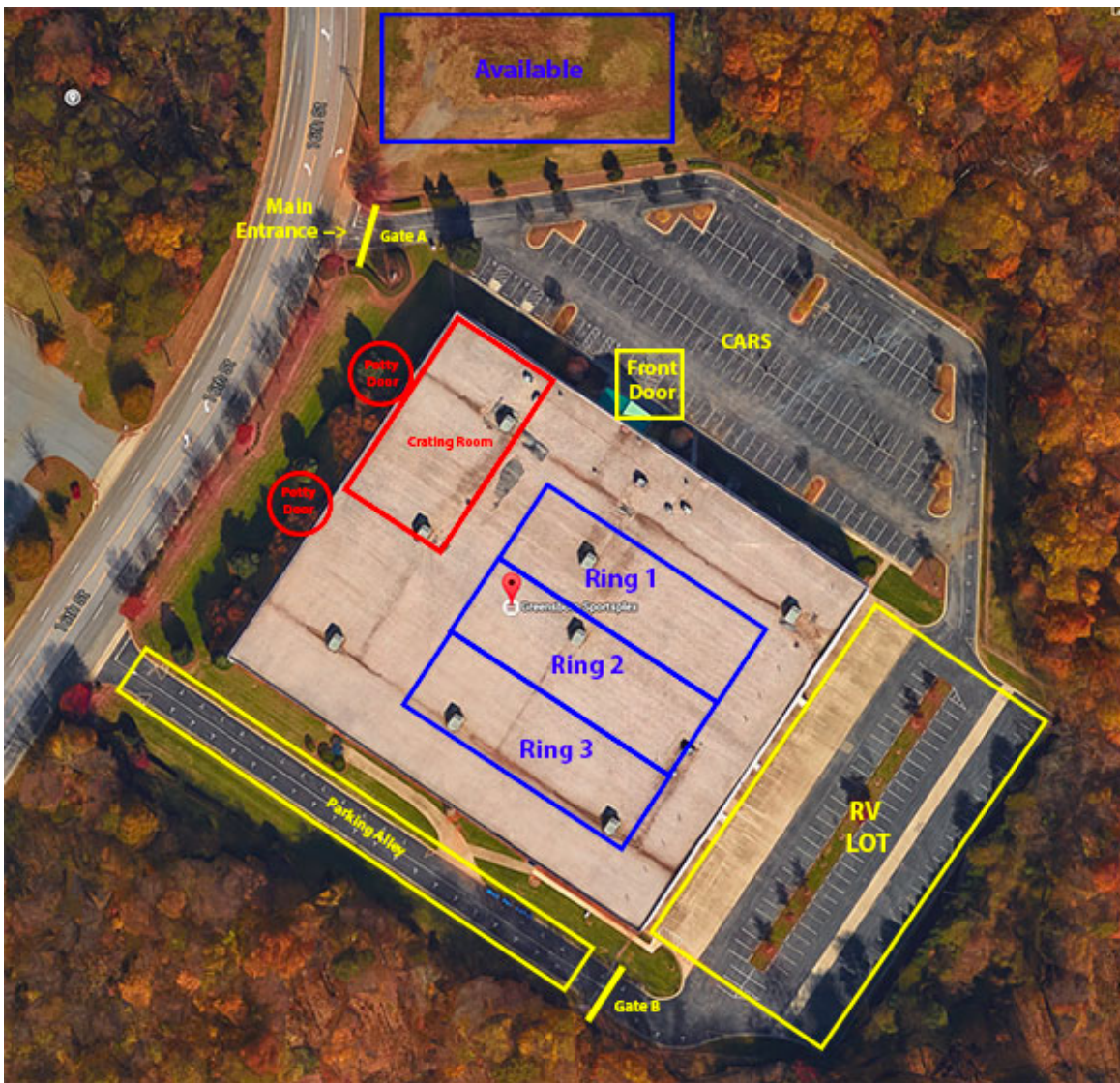
We will be offering "mat time" Friday evening, beginning at 5:00 PM. You may sign up starting at 4:30 pm. Cost will be \$5/5 minutes. Please let us know if you need to rent the empty lane next to you or if you can utilize your mat time with a neighbor. There will be limited mat time available Saturday after racing until 7:45 PM. Saturday Mat Time sign ups start at 4:30 pm. The building closes at 8 pm 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 7:45 pm Friday, 7 am to 7:45 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 and potty doors are the only doors available for foot traffic. We hope to have a door available from the RV lot directly into the building.
- Gates A and B will be closed and locked each night when the building closes. Foot traffic can still pass by/through both gates.
- Area marked "Available" CAN be used to park RVs (especially those that want to come and go after gates are closed and locked).
- Overnight campers camping in "RV LOT" CAN use area marked "Parking Alley" to park additional vehicle, so they can walk from "RV LOT" to "Parking Alley" after gates are closed to come and go after hours.
- 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, DGF, 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 running APES (Auto Pass Evaluator System) for us 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.
- **Divisions R1, R2, M1, M2, O4:** Elimination seeds are determined by round robin placement. Placements from round robin are added to placements from elimination, and the lowest number wins. The tie-breaker for the round robin is the fastest non-breakout time in the round robin. The tie-breaker for overall placement is the elimination placement.
- **Divisions R3, R4, O1, O2, O3, :** 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 SIX teams and hosting the event, so we need line judge volunteers for each race (please). 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)

## Vendors

- [Dahlie Dog Studios](#) (Laura Greenwood) – photography
- [KJ Photography](#) (Kevin Johnson) – photography
- [Imagine Canine Academy](#) - Diana Blanchard (Ruffland Kennels, West Paw Products, and treats)
- Massage therapy with Donna Devanney (Saturday ONLY)
- [Spacedog Treats](#) will be on site with lots of freeze dried treat options available for sale.
- [Sparkle Swag](#) - clothing

## 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.

## **Mask Policy / COVID-19**

While we will employ an optional masking policy inside the event venue, people are still catching coronavirus, albeit at much lower rates than earlier in the year. If you have even mild cold symptoms, PLEASE STAY HOME. This is because even if you have been vaccinated and boosted, you might still get COVID and only experience a mild cold. However, people with risk factors, weakened immunity or who could not be vaccinated could catch COVID and get very sick. While masking can be optional for people with no symptoms, please use common sense and stay home if you have a cold! If you have risk factors that put you at higher risk for severe disease, please consider masking while indoors.

Again, the community risk of COVID is much lower than before, and we can use an optional mask policy, but please be mindful of your flyball friends!

## **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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