

First in Flight Triad Dog Games Flyball May 20-21, 2017

Welcome Letter

Welcome to FIF's "Triad Dog Games" Flyball Tournament! We look forward to a fun weekend, and we thank you all for supporting us again this year!

This tournament is being held at the Winston-Salem Fairgrounds Education Building as part of the fourth annual "Triad Dog Games", with proceeds to benefit **The Sergei Foundation**. The Sergei Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides veterinary financial aid to families unable to afford emergency, life-saving care for their companion pets. Please check out their website at <http://sergeifoundation.org/>, and check out the Triad Dog Games website at <http://www.triaddoggames.com/>. There are many other events occurring at the Triad Dog Games between 10:00am and 4:00pm on Saturday, and between 11:00am and 4:00pm on Sunday, including Dock Diving, Disc Dog, and Agility. We expect a number of competitors from the other events, as well as a large number of spectators, many of whom will have dogs with them. We will have gating in place to designate Flyball competitor-only areas, but please be aware of this, and do not leave valuables unattended.

Our website <http://www.firstinflightflyballteam.com/> has links for information including directions, seed chart, and racing schedule.

We would like to thank our judges, Dirk Elber and Jonathan Bescher, our Regional Director Amanda Brown, and our acting Regional Director David Reinhart.

If you need additional tournament information, please contact our Tournament Directors, Lynn Pettyjohn at lynnpettyjohn@triad.twcbc.com or 336-978-1834, or Cathy Nunn at cnunn@wakehealth.edu or 336-408-3241.

Parking:

On Friday, Saturday morning until about 8:00am, and Sunday morning until about 8:00am, Gate 4 of the Fairgrounds will be open for Flyball competitors ONLY. This entrance may be used for unloading equipment at the Education Building loading dock, but once unloaded please proceed to parking. You can park at either the Flyball parking lot (which you will have passed on the way in after entering through Gate 4) or the Main parking lot, which can be accessed by leaving through Gate 4 and re-entering through Gate 5. The Flyball parking lot through Gate 4 has a limited capacity, and **Gate 4 will be locked at about 8:00am both Saturday and Sunday**. Therefore, **if you expect to have a need to leave at any point during the day, please park in the Main parking lot** (enter through Gate 5, you may want to park near the walk-through gate near the Education Building). Emergencies will be accommodated, please see the head table.

Wristbands:

This year we will have wristbands for each team for both days instead of issuing parking passes. We will have these available for pickup on Friday for those coming to set up, or Saturday morning at the Captain's meeting if you are unable to come Friday.

Crating:

There is ample crating space inside the Education Building, adjacent to the racing area. Crating areas will be marked off Friday morning. The area is air-conditioned, and the Fairgrounds do NOT require tarps or other barriers under your crates (although you are of course free to use them if you wish). There will be two ways to exit/enter the building from the crating area for doggie pottying. Crating for Flyball competitors will be cordoned off from the spectator area, and we will have signs up inside the building and at both entrances designating that area "for Flyball Competitors only", but please be aware that there will be many spectators around and if you see anyone who does not belong in the crating area please let the head table know.

Food vendors:

There will be a variety of food and drink concessions, as well as some food trucks.

Due to Fairground rules, crock pots, hot plates, coffee pots and other electrical appliances will not be allowed. Competitors are permitted to bring individual food and drink in small coolers (cold food only, no hot food please).

Other vendors:

There will be a number of vendors participating in the Triad Dog Games. Please take some time and check out what they have to offer. The vendor list can be found at

<http://www.triaddoggames.com/vendors/>

Misc. Rules:

(please see <http://www.triaddoggames.com/about/f-a-q/> for additional questions or information)

- Small cameras and cell phones are allowed. This year, the Triad Dog Games is also allowing our competitors to bring larger cameras, provided that they use them only in the Flyball area and agree not to sell their photos. The Sergei Foundation also asks that you share your photos with them for their use in promoting the Triad Dog Games. Please see the information on the FAQ page for further information.
- There is no smoking inside the event. Smoking is only allowed in the parking lots.
- No outside alcohol may be brought in to the event.
- No weapons allowed.

Emergency information:

For dog emergencies, Carolina Veterinary Specialists (CVS) is located at 1600 Hanes Mall Boulevard, phone is 336-896-0902. We will have directions available at the head table if needed.

For human emergencies, there will be EMS staff on site. Please see the head table and we will get appropriate medical care.

Schedule:

Friday:	2:00 pm	Building open for equipment drop off
	5:00 pm	Single Dog/Pairs racing – we will start earlier if we are done w/ set up
	7:30 pm	End of Single Dog/Pairs racing
	8:00 pm	Building closes
Saturday:	7:00 am	Building opens
	7:30 am	Measuring begins
	7:45 am	Captains' Meeting
	8:00 am	Racing begins
	6:45 pm	Approximate end of racing
	8:00 pm	Building closes
Sunday:	7:00 am	Building opens
	8:00 am	Racing begins
	2:00 pm	Raffle Drawing
	4:15 pm	Approximate end of racing
	4:30 pm	Awards (after racing is finished)

Racing Schedule, Format, and Scoring:

The seeding and format for each division, as well as racing schedules, can be found at our website: <http://www.firstinflightflyballteam.com/>

We are providing each team with 39 or 40 heats. Scoring for all divisions will be one point for each heat won, and two points for winning the race. No points for tied heats, one point for tied races. Warm-ups will be 2 minutes, but please be aware that we do have to be out of the building by 8:00pm, so if necessary the warm-ups will be reduced. We will print C-2's including dogs for all teams. Captains please check and initial your C-2's on Saturday morning.

Please help us out with Box Judging and Line Judging, we will have a Worker's Raffle each day. Each race you work will earn you one ticket. First in Flight club members are not eligible for this prize, so if you see one of us judging, please step in so you can enter the raffle!

Ribbons:

Ribbons will be self-serve this year. Please note your accomplishments on the brag boards so they can be announced during the awards!

Raffle:

We will have a raffle table with many items.

Single Dog/Pairs Racing:

We will be offering Single Dog/Pairs racing on Friday night. If you need one lane, it will be \$5 for 5 minutes. If your dog is not ready for a distraction in the next lane and you need to race unopposed, it will be \$10 for 5 minutes. We plan to start no later than 5:00pm.

Safe travels everyone, we look forward to seeing you!