

October 31, 2009

Welcome! ☺

Thank you for entering the Chattanooga Chomp's 13th & 14th flyball tournaments on November 7 & 8 at Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Geoff Brown from Raleigh, NC is our Head Judge. Stacey Waites from Alabaster, Alabama will be backing him up, and congratulations to Stacey on her promotion from Apprentice to Provisional!

On Saturday, we have 84 races: 32 teams in 6 divisions (1 Multibreed, 2 Open, and 3 Regular divisions). Sunday we have 81 races: 30 teams in 6 divisions. The race schedules for Saturday and Sunday are completely different, so please keep that in mind as you prepare for each day. This is a lot of racing, so we'll have 2-minute warm-ups for the first set (up to race 16 on Saturday, and up to race 15 on Sunday), then 1-minute warm-ups for the rest of the day. Please help us keep things moving by getting having your team and box loader ready the race before you run, and keeping the on-lane celebrations and preparations to a minimum. We will not have a scheduled break for lunch either day.

The division assignments and racing schedules are posted [on our web site](#). Here's the rest of the story:

Tournament timeline: (Eastern Standard Time)

Friday November 6

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm: setup

IMPORTANT: Please do not arrive before 6:30pm. We will not be able to accommodate any requests for parking, setups, or even answering questions any earlier than 6:30pm. PDX is a working dog daycare, and we need to get our 90+ daycare customers safely on their way before switching to flyball mode. If you would like to arrive early and help with the lane setup, please contact Angie Jennings to make arrangements: angie@pdxdogs.com or 706-264-8215.

Saturday 11/7

7:00am: Building opens and check-in begins
7:15am: Box check
7:30am: Measuring
7:45am: Captain's Meeting
8:00am: Racing begins!

Saturday End of racing – 10 pm: Dog Sitting: For \$3/dog (max \$10), we'll be happy to keep an eye on your flyball dogs, in your crates or ours. Go out to dinner, see the Aquarium, or just stroll the River Walk. Pick up your dogs by 10pm, no worries!

Sunday 11/8 (stay flexible – we'll see if everyone wants to start earlier)

6:30am: Building opens and check-in begins
6:45am: Box check and dog measuring
7:00am: Measuring
7:15am: Captain's Meeting
7:30am: Racing begins!

Tournament scoring: Teams will receive 1 point for each heat won. Heats ending in a tie will result in each team receiving ½ of a point. Ties will be broken first by head to head

analysis. If still tied, we will look at the best time from head to head racing. If still tied, we will use best time overall.

Awards: We will have awards for all competing teams. Saturday's awards will be dog treats. Sunday we will have a commemorative 8x10 certificate with a group photo of your club for each human. In order to pull that off, we'll be taking group photos on Saturday. We'll hand out the shoot schedule at the Captain's Meeting Saturday morning. Please help us keep things on track by being at the shoot location on time.

Facility: we have 16,000 square feet of open space plus another 4,000 for office areas and food service, a small retail shop with treats, bones, and toys, and rest rooms. Although it is very heavily insulated, the arena is not climate controlled, so dress and plan accordingly. The arena does have power throughout, but the outlets are sparse, so bring heavy-duty extension cords and power strips if you need to run electrical things. Free WIFI in the arena; the access code will be posted near the results posters. We have a large field on the side for walking and pottyng. Please use the bags and buckets provided to pick up. The store will be open from 9am until noon on Saturday only. We will make the back play yard available between 1pm and 6pm once the boarding dogs are through with it. Please be extra careful not to leave any trash, food, or poop in your wake.

Directions: please see our web site for [directions](#), [hotels](#), and [camping](#) information. Note of caution: the Red Bank police continue their successful fund-raising mission, so be sure to (1) observe the yellow lines on Morrison Springs road as you pass the Bi-Lo - wandering over the yellow line will cost you \$135 and 2 points on your license, and (2) be extra cautious at the stop lights on Dayton Blvd - they are rigged to automatically send you a \$50 ticket if you go through on the red light or faster than 40mph.

Crating: Team areas will be marked off, but not assigned (except for MCRD and Chomp). Please observe the aisles for traffic flow and fire marshal regulations. We do have about 30 crates available in the air-conditioned office space, and you're free to use them as long as you clean up after your dog. First come, first served: just head toward the sign that says Crating.

Neighbors: We are surrounded on three sides by residential zones. I don't want to antagonize our neighbors any more than absolutely necessary, so please keep your dogs from barking outside, especially early in the morning. Don't leave your dogs unattended in your car if they're going to bark. If anyone complains directly to you, please be polite, then come to find someone in a Chomp shirt to handle it.

Smoking: For our daycare dog's safety, smoking is permitted only in the designated area just outside the rolling gate at the back of the building. We hate to be persnickety about this, but it's imperative that dogs do not get access to cigarette butts anywhere in the front or back play yards, or in the parking lot on their way to and from the building. One negligence lawsuit could cost us the business, so please restrict smoking to your own vehicle or to the designated area, and be extra careful to dispose of cigarette butts in the marked container.

Raffle: We will not be holding a raffle at this tournament.

Dog Sitting: We will provide dog sitting services as a fund raiser and convenience to our exhibitors. The cost is \$3/dog (\$10 max), and you can use your crate or ours. Find the sign marked Dog Sitting in the Chomp area to sign up. Dog sitting hours are from close of tourney to 10pm Saturday evening.

Meals: We will not be running a concession this tournament, although we will have a coffee service set up each morning (a cup for a buck). You may bring your own food (with a plea to keep your area as clean as possible and clean up all trash before leaving), or make a quick run to one of the many close fast food choices. 10 minutes or less in the car will get you to Hardees, Firehouse Subs, Pizza Hut, Krystal, Domino's, Sonic, Arby's, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Subway, as well as a Bi-Lo, Eckerd's, and Walgreens.

Workers: We need your help with line and box judging. Our worker's raffle will include Tommy's astounding homemade cheese cakes to motivate and reward your efforts. You will receive a ticket for each race you work. The more you work, the better your chance to win! Drawings will be held during the awards each day.

We're looking forward to having a great time with you. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks again!

Bev Eitner, Tournament Secretary
Chattanooga Chomp Flyball Club