**New River Rapids**

**Fools for Flyball 22**

**April 2-3, 2022**

**Welcome Letter**

Welcome to NRR’s “Fools for Flyball 22” tournament!

Our Acting Regional Director is Laura Kroeger. Thanks for stepping up, Laura! (And thanks, Amanda, for the “background stuff.”)

Please check our web site www.nrrflyball.org and links for information including directions, seeding chart, and racing schedule. Big thanks to our judges: Dirk Elber and Patricia Howell.

If you need any additional information concerning the tournament, please get in touch with Sharon Harrell saharrell@gmail.com or text or call 540 552 1351.

Schedule:

Friday 4:00 p.m. Building Opens. Setup help is always welcome!

6:00 p.m. (Approximately) Single Dog racing/Mat Time. You may rent one lane for $5 or both lanes for $10 for 5 minutes.

Saturday 7:00 a.m. Building Opens

 7:20 a.m. Measuring

We will be using the laser level for measuring. The measurements will be for this tournament only and do not count towards a height card

 7:45 a.m. Captains Meeting

 8:00 a.m. Racing begins

 5:00 p.m. Approximate end of racing

Sunday 7:00 a.m. Building Opens

 7:30 a.m. Racing Begins

 **Raffle drawings after Race 95**

 3:30 p.m. Approximate end of racing

**MASKS ARE OPTIONAL**

**Indoor Crating Available**

We will be offering Indoor Crating in the traditional space. We’ll be marking off spaces for each club based on the number of entries. If you’d like to have your area next to a specific club, please let me know by Thursday evening. If you are certain you won’t need indoor crating for your club, please also let me know that. INDOOR CRATING IS NOT AVAILABLE UNTIL SATURDAY MORNING.

**Traffic Flow**

Please enter through the side doors and leave out the back doors. We are having 2 minute warmups all weekend, but box loaders should come in in plenty of time to move boxes so that warmups can start promptly.

**Racing Schedule, Format, and Scoring**

**Racing is over 30” Wide Jumps**

We have a full racing schedule planned. The seeding and format for each division, as well as the racing schedules, can be found on our website: [www.nrrflyball.org](http://www.nrrflyball.org)

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. We will be printing C-2’s including dogs for all teams. Captains please check and initial your C-2’s on Saturday morning.

Warmups will be 2 minutes all weekend.

Placement in case of ties:

Ties will be decided based on the following criteria:

1. Fastest time in the division
2. Fastest time head to head
3. If still tied, a tie breaker race (2 of 3 heats)

Practice Starts in all Divisions:

All Divisions will have the opportunity for a practice start. At the end of warm up when the whistle has sounded, there will be a quick period given for the starters to get a practice start with the lights. If your team wants a practice start, please let the judge know before the end of warmup.

# General Information

## Site

Please help us continue to make a positive impression at the Community Center!

* Information about which teams are racing, on deck and in the hole will be available on <http://flyballgeek.com> We’ll have signs with the exact URL posted.
* PLEASE remember that the Blacksburg Community Center, including the parking lots, is an Alcohol-free and Smoke-free area.
* PLEASE pick up after your dogs and take care of your own trash from your crating area.
* RV parking is permitted in the assigned spaces only for those who have made prior arrangement. RV Parking Assignments Map is being sent to all Captains.

**Gifts**

We have gifts for competitors which will be distributed at the Captain’s meeting on Saturday.

**Ribbon Woes**

We will “not” have Title ribbons available at the tournament weekend. Makers of ribbons are needing very long lead times – much longer than we had. All of the requested ribbons for “big” titles, as well as every kind of title ribbon have been ordered and will arrive before the Sweet Tea Classic. We’ll have a sign up place available, and I’ll box the ribbons up by club and bring them to STC. For those not attending STC, they’ll go in the mail around April 15.

**Hospitality Table**

We will have our traditional Hospitality Table with coffee and tea and a selection of snacks and goodies. It will be located on the score table side of the racing lanes. Please help yourself – and we hope you’ll also leave a contribution for the Montgomery County Humane Society.

**Raffle**

We’ll have a “traditional” raffle with many exciting baskets and items. There will also be a “special” raffle for a beautiful handmade quilt.

**Photographer:**

We’re very pleased that Jasmine Sanders <https://www.facebook.com/JasmineCSandersPhoto/> will be with us this weekend!

We will also have a Photo Op area for “home” photos.

**Medical and Veterinary Emergencies:**

There are several veterinarians who will be running dogs this weekend. Come see us first – and if need be we can refer to local vets.

For humans:

Montgomery Regional Hospital

3700 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS! --**

**FALLING FOR FLYBALL 22**

**October 22-23, 2022**

**FOOLS FOR FLYBALL 23**

**April 1-2, 2023**