

# Athens Dawg Derby

**The ninth and tenth of July  
Two thousand and eleven**



## **WELCOME**

Thank you for joining us for the fifth running of Athens Dawg Derby. The tournament is one 2-day tournament with 55 teams (25 Regular, 7 Multibreed, 1 Veteran's and 22 Open) from 26 clubs. All teams except for Veteran's class will have 39-40 heats over the weekend. Veterans will have 30. Racing will include a single schedule run in two rings of competition, each with 65 feet of runback. Our ring control, located in the gutter between the rings, will make ring assignments and post them using the race scheduler at [flyballgeek.com](http://flyballgeek.com). These can be viewed in the competition hall on our projection screen and anywhere you can access the web. The Classic Center will provide Wi-Fi. Conflicts, back-to-backs or any other situations requiring special consideration should be reported to ring control. Our judges for the weekend are Geoff Brown, Dirk Elber, Paul Ferlitto and Leerie Jenkins. The regional director is Jane Kline, and the tournament director is Dana Hanson.

## **TOURNAMENT FORMAT AND SCORING**

Race formats are provided by class and division in the seed chart at the files section of your region's Yahoo group and in the files available at our web page: [www.flyballdogs.com/dddare](http://www.flyballdogs.com/dddare).

All racing will be scored 1 point for each heat won, 2 points for each race won. Ties split points. Highest points win. 2-way ties settled by (1) points earned head-to-head racing, (2) fastest time head to head and then (3) fastest time of tournament. All other ties settled fastest time of tournament.

Awards include 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> placement ribbons, individual title ribbons, the turtle award and a new offering to be announced at the conclusion of racing Sunday.

## **FACILITY**

The Classic Center is located at 300 North Thomas Street in Athens. You can find local directions to the facility on The Classic Center web site at [www.classiccenter.com](http://www.classiccenter.com), sub-menu "Visitor Information".

Teams can set up crating in their assigned areas between 4 and 8 p.m. Friday. The Hancock Avenue entrance at the north side of the building will give you street level access to the competition area. The entire North and South Hall are carpeted, so please take whatever steps are appropriate for your situation to prevent damage.

As was the case last year, The Classic Center will keep the building cool and comfortable for racing. Thermostats will be set to 71 during racing and a few degrees higher during dog sitting. You should not require fans or other supplemental cooling units. There are not many power outlets readily available,

and we have not requested extra. Please help us keep the race hall as cool as possible by exiting through the main hall area by the escalators when taking your dogs out.

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Building Opens/Check-in	6:30 a.m.	7:00 a.m.
Measuring/Box Check	7:15 a.m.	NA
Captain's Meeting	7:40 a.m.	NA
Racing	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
Lunch	No Break	No Break

Check-in will be at the ring control table between the runback areas of the two rings. The clipboards located there have the class and division marked on their tops. Please locate your clipboards and fill in the dog information before the captain's meeting so that we can verify all are complete while that meeting is in progress. You may check ring control Friday after 4 p.m. to see if the clipboards are available then.

Warm-ups will be two minutes through race 43 on Saturday and one minute thereafter. Competition resumes Sunday with race 137 and two-minute warm-ups through race 180. Thereafter, they are one minute apiece.

We will not break for lunch. Most clubs should find it pretty easy to pickup food nearby during breaks in their racing schedules. Also there are delivery services that will pick up food from nearly any location and deliver it to you for a reasonable fee. Information on area dining will be available in the entrance to the racing area. Please remember that downtown restaurants do not open until after noon on Sunday.

## **JUDGES**

Now volunteering pays. We need line and box judges and will award mostly cash and a few special, donated non-cash items throughout the race weekend. Non-cash items include a tournament photo disk from Willie Moore, merchandise from Happy Dog Duds and copy of The Trust (signed by the author). The Trust is a murder-mystery that has an Aussie in it. It was written by a gentleman who adopted his Aussie several years ago from Kathleen Cole of Pawmetto Pack. He is donating a portion of the proceeds to animal charities, so please check out The Trust. Thanks to all of these individuals for their thoughtful contributions to our worker awards.

## **BESIDES RACING**

*Fifth Anniversary* – Help celebrate the fifth anniversary of Athens Dawg Derby by joining us for cake Saturday afternoon.

*Dog Sitting* – Participants will have the option of leaving dogs at The Classic Center Saturday evening up to 10:30 p.m. so that they can visit downtown Athens establishments without having to worry about violating hotel pet policies or being inconsiderate hotel guests. Cost per dog is \$3, with a \$10 per person maximum.

*Contributions for The Nest* – We will collect personal care items that anyone would like to give for The Nest, which provides free medical care to the homeless. You do not need to purchase items. Hotel size bars of soaps and shampoos are greatly appreciated. We will have a couple of boxes for you to drop these items in.

**EMERGENCY VETERINARY SERVICES**

The Animal Emergency Hospital  
 7530 Macon Highway (N Main St.)  
 Watkinsville, GA 30677  
 706-769-0229

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Athens Regional Medical Center  
 1199 Prince Avenue  
 Athens, GA 30606  
 706-475-7000

St. Mary's Hospital  
 1230 Baxter Street  
 Athens, GA  
 706- 389-3000

Maps to area medical services are available at the ring control table.

**PARKING MAP**

Parking for Saturday's event will be in the surface parking lot to the north of The Classic Center (accessible from Hancock Avenue and bordered by black metal fencing) and in the parking deck to the east of Foundry Street. There is no charge for parking for our event.

Because of controlled parking for church services Sunday morning, Sunday's parking will be in the deck to the west of Thomas Street (leftmost red box below).

