



Buccaneers' Ball Welcome Letter

May 30-31, 2009

General Info

Welcome to the Buccaneers' Ball! This tournament is being hosted by Scallywags and No Speed Limit, in conjunction with the Fort Meade Pet Expo. Admission to the Pet Expo is free for everyone and the general public, including any of your family and friends, may attend.

All racing is held indoors at The Pavilion, Fort Meade, Maryland. The racing surface is TuffSpun over macadam. In addition to the area required by NAFA rules, as much of the surface area will be covered as possible with the mats on hand..

Our judges will be Ule James and Leerie Jenkins.

Parking Options

Two options are available for parking:

- Access to a parking lot through the base
- Access to the general public's parking lot

Additional details for each option are provided below. Driving directions for both options are available on the tournament website:

http://www.flyballdogs.com/scallywags/index_files/buccaneers_ball_2009.htm

Access Through the Base

Access through the base allows you to drive up to the Pavilion's doors. This option should be used by anyone:

- Requiring handicap parking,
- Dropping off equipment, or
- Seeking to crate out of the car.

Team captains already provided the names of members who wanted to use this option. No additional names may be added to the list at this time.

This gate is open 24 hours a day and is located on the corner of Rt 175 and Reece Rd. There are a few concrete barriers to weave through, but the turns are not very sharp. The purpose is to slow your approach. When you arrive at the gate:

- Provide your name and say you're attending the *MWR Pet Expo/Flyball Tournament*
- Have all adults provide a photo ID (if a child looks close to 18, it may be a good idea to have a school ID, driver's license, or something to show he or she is under 18)
- Have your proof of insurance and current vehicle registration ready, if asked. If the car is not registered in the name of someone who will be in the car, consider using the general public's parking lot or e-mail Charlene (cschilling @ comcast.net without spaces) for additional guidance.

No vehicle inspection is required if you are on the access list unless something highly suspicious is noticed in your car (e.g., open container, gun). Please read the paragraph providing guidance for driving on base.

As you leave the gate, make a sharp left turn past the concrete barriers to get onto Ernie Pyle Street. If you find yourself going uphill a little, you're on the correct road. Stay on this road for about a mile and turn left on 8th Street. You should see the Pavilion by now. Continue straight for two blocks and the paved parking lot will be on your right.

**Access
Through
General
Public's
Parking Lot**

Access through the general public's gate allows you to park in a grassy field near the Pavilion. To use this option, you do not need to be on the list and you do not need to show ID cards. However, you will not be able to drive up to the building since the parking lot is surrounded by concrete barriers. A break in the barriers allows pedestrian traffic to pass through to the Pavilion.

All RVs must park in this parking lot. No cars or RVs can remain overnight.

This gate is located on the corner of Rt 175 and Llewellyn Ave. The gate hours are: 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Friday, and 6:30 AM to 7:00 PM on Saturday and Sunday.

**Guide for
Being on Base**

Since we will be on a military base, please refrain from any jokes that may sound like a threat to harm others or a threat to national security. Use the same common sense you'd use if you were in an airport security line.

The driving rules on base should also be followed. **WARNING: The portions of Rt 175 that border the base are part of the base, so the advice below applies to everyone regardless of access method to the Pavilion.**

- Follow the speed limit. It's 25 mph unless otherwise posted. In the very unlikely event that you need to pass a troop formation, it's 10 mph. Speeding tickets are handled through federal court. If you feel the need for speed, don't do it on base.
 - Wear your seatbelt.
 - Allow pedestrians in crosswalks the right of way.
 - Do not talk on a cell phone while driving unless you use a hands-free device. Texting while driving is not allowed.
 - Do not have open alcoholic containers.
 - Do not carry firearms onto the base, even if you have a permit.
 - Pick up after your dog.
 - No additional security is provided for the crating area overnight, so any items left in place are done so at your own risk. However, the general public's gate will be locked.
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**Proof of
Rabies
Vaccination**

Fort Meade has a very proactive rabies vaccination program. As part of the program, the military veterinary technicians may perform spot checks to confirm proof of rabies vaccination for all dogs at the Pet Expo.

Traveling to flyball tournaments with proof of rabies vaccination or titer is generally a good practice. Some of us have copies with our vehicle registration and insurance card, while others have copies in their flyball bags. If neither of those options meet your needs, feel free to e-mail a scanned copy to Cathy McHoul, mchoul2000 @ yahoo.com (no spaces)

Crating Info

A large, grassy outdoor crating area is available. This area will be sectioned off from the general public to reduce traffic in the area. The crating area is on the corner of the building with the "flyball participants only" entrance and exit doors.

No shade trees are located in the designated crating area. However, the crating area will include the cooling pools.

If you plan to crate from your car, it appears like there's room just off the road (8th St), next to the crating area. Access through the base is necessary to get to this road. To make more room for those crating from cars, please move EZ-ups away from the road if you are not crating from your car.

Very limited indoor crating is available for dogs with special needs. Please send requests to Cathy McHoul, mchoul2000@yahoo.com

Format & Scoring

This is an unlimited tournament executing a single racing schedule in two rings. On deck numbers will be broadcasted, so please bring your family radios.

Teams earn 1 point per heat won and a half point for tied heats. Teams earn 5 points for winning the race and 2.5 points for tied races.

Tiebreakers will be handled in the following order: (1) best head-to-head record (most heats won); (2) fastest head-to-head time; (3) fastest overall time; and (4) a 3 of 5 race off.

Warm-ups will be 90 seconds for the first race of the day and 60 seconds thereafter.

Title & Placement Ribbons

Title ribbons will be provided to all dogs earning a title at this tournament. Placement ribbons and dog treats will be provided for first, second and third place in each division.

C2s

NAFA C2s will already be filled in with each team's information (less the roster of dogs to compete) on single-sided of paper. If you opt to bring your own NAFA C2s, please use only one side of the paper and ensure that all information is complete, including all of the racing data.

As per NAFA rules, team lineups may be changed up to the start of the first race of the team's division. After a race has been run in a division, no lineups may be changed for any reason in that division.

Tournament Schedule**Friday**

6:30 PM—Sign-ups begin for Single Dog Racing

7:00 PM—9:00 PM Single Dog Racing

Saturday

6:30 AM—Public gate opens and building opens

7:15 AM—Box measuring begins

7:30 AM—Height dog measuring begins

8:00 AM—Captain's Meeting

8:20 AM—National Anthem

8:30 AM—Racing starts

12:00 PM—approximate start for 45-minute lunch (after Race #53)

12:45 PM—approximate time racing resumes

4:00 PM—approximate end of the racing day

Sunday

6:30 AM—Public gate opens and building opens

8:30 AM—Racing starts

11:30 AM—approximate start for 45-minute lunch (after Race #156)

12:15 PM—approximate time racing resumes

2:00 PM—approximate time for the raffle drawing (after Race #184)

4:00 PM—approximate end of the award's ceremony

Single Dog Racing

Single Dog Racing (SDR) will be held Friday night. Dogs participating in SDR do not need to have a CRN, so this is a great opportunity to give your "dogs in training" a chance to have some fun.

Sign-ups will start at 6:30 PM, and racing runs 7:00 - 9:00 PM. The cost is \$5 per dog, per entry. Each entry consists of one warm-up run and 5 timed runs with the lights, against another dog. Each dog receives a certificate listing the times for the runs.

We will have a flyball box available if your team's box isn't. Also, if dogs aren't quite ready for racing, we will set up baby gates between the lanes and let two dogs use the ring for recalls or box work for up to 5 minutes.

Please have proof of current rabies vaccination (tags or certificates) for all dogs participating in SDR or coming along for the ride.

Raffles A single raffle will be offered, giving you a chance to win a variety of items. Winning numbers will be drawn after Race #184 on Sunday (approximately 2:00 PM).

Box judges are needed! We will have two drawings each day for the Workers' Raffle.

Food & Vendors An on-site food vendor will provide breakfast, lunch, and snacks throughout the tournament. The Pet Expo includes a number of vendors selling pet gear and treats, providing grooming tips, and performing canine wellness exams.

Vendors will not be accepting credit cards, so plan on paying with cash or checks.

You may not sell anything from your cars or from the crating area unless you sign up as a vendor with MWR. Contact Charlene (cschilling @ comcast.net no spaces) if you're interested in doing this. Anyone caught selling items without a vendor contract will have those items confiscated.

Photos Our photographer will be Rich Knecht. Photos can be viewed at the tournament and prints may be purchased online through www.richknechtphotography.com

Warning: You may take pictures of flyball, but you must limit your pictures to only the flyball rings. For security reasons, cameras pointed in other directions may be confiscated.

Hotel & RV Info A block of rooms was reserved until April 30, 2009 at Red Roof Inn (#107), 410-712-4070 . This hotel still has rooms available at the time this letter was posted, but the price has increased to \$90.99 plus tax.

The closest RV Park is Capitol KOA Kampground in Millersville, MD. The website is www.capitolkoa.com and the phone number is 1-800-562-0248.

The tournament website provides directions from the Red Roof and the RV Park, whether you're accessing the Pavilion through the base or through the general public's parking lot.

Hospitality Brochure A separate hospitality brochure, listing restaurant info, is available on the tournament website. The brochure also provides details on a group dinner reservation at Gunning's Restaurant for Saturday night. Gunning's Restaurant is located adjacent to the Red Roof Inn.

Vets & Hospitals The following information is provided as a courtesy. We do not endorse any of these facilities and are not making claims about quality of service.

Emergency veterinary clinics are:

- Animal Hospital of Ellicott City, 410-750-1177, M-Th 7 PM—8 AM and F 7 PM—M 8 AM. 10270 Baltimore National Pike (Rt 40), Ellicott City, MD 21042
- Anne Arundel Veterinary Emergency Clinic, 24 hours, 410-974-6306, 808 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

Two local veterinary clinics are:

- Odenton Veterinary Hospital, 410-674-3266, 8393 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton, MD 21113
- Rocky Gorge Animal Hospital, 301-776-7744, 7515 Brooklyn Bridge Rd, Laurel, MD 21707

A local emergency room for humans is Howard County General, 410-740-7777, 5755 Cedar Lane, Columbia, MD 21044.

**Thanks to
Our Donors**

We'd like to thank the following businesses that donated items for the raffle and the welcome bags.

- **Chesapeake Veterinary Surgical Specialists (CVSS)** - <http://cvss.evetsites.net/> - a surgical specialty practice with locations in Annapolis and Towson, Maryland
 - **K9 Kravings** - <http://www.k-9kraving.com/> - providing a complete raw diet dog food approved by the USDA
 - **Ohmidog!** - www.ohmidog.com - a blog by a local Pulitzer Prize winner; updated two to five times a day in an effort to bring you interesting and important information about dogs in Maryland, nationally and worldwide
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