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presents the British Flyball Association 20th Anniversary Championships

LIMITED OPEN SANCTIONED TOURNAMENT (306 Teams)

Top 18 seeded teams will be entered for Speed Trials and then re-seeded into 3 divisions to be run as Double-Elimination on a different day.

15th, 16th & 17th August 2014 (Closing date for entries 15th July 2014)

To be held at Catton Hall, Derbyshire, DE12 8LN

Entries to: Jo Crosswell 6 Brentwood Fleetwood Lancs FY7 8HP 01253 776162 Email: jocrosswellk9bfa@gmail.com

PLEASE NOTE:

1. Postal entries will <u>NOT</u> be accepted without accompanying payment by cheque or postal order.

2. Electronic entries <u>MUST</u> be paid within 7 days of notification of successful entry - payment instructions will be sent by email.

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Declared times must be submitted in writing or email to Donna Culley wowonderdogs@live.co.uk <u>no later than Friday 25th July 2014</u> and must be at least one half-second slower or faster than seed time (Rule 4.4). Team break out time is half a second faster than declared time (5.17(l)) All times, seed or declared, except Div 1, are subject to the Division break-out rule.

Team Details

Team Name(s)	BFA Team Number
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Team Captain

Name:	Address:
Phone Number:	
E-Mail Address:	

Electronic entries <u>MUST</u> include an email address. Please include an email address for running orders. Financial (No postal entries accepted without payment)

	Price	Number	Cost
Open teams entered	£40/team		
Camping Units Please complete the camping form on the next page. All camping is subject to availability and must be pre-booked by the closing date (15 th July 2014)	£30/unit		

Total £

(cheques payable to British Flyball Association)

Payment instructions for electronic entries will be sent by email. Payment required within 7 days

JUDGES and HELPERS - If anyone in your team is willing to help with the running of the Championships (e.g. admin, drinks, fetching water etc), or if you have <u>QUALIFIED</u> or <u>HEAD</u> judges available to judge divisions, please list the names, and days available here.

Name	HJ / QJ / Helpe	r Days available

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CAMPING FORM

Camping @ £30 per unit for the tournament (4pm Thurs – 10:30am Mon)

There will be two camping fields this year. The Main camping field will have 650 reserved camping pitches, which will be allocated by team in advance on a strictly first-come-firstserved basis.

When this is fully allocated, teams will be allocated to the Extension camping field. The space in this field will be unreserved, and will allow for more space per team.

Please Note the Extension camping field is on the other side of the road from the flyball rings and there will be a designated crossing point for pedestrians only.

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Please indicate if you would prefer to be allocated in the Extension camping field.

Team Name :	
Primary TRN:	

Names of people camping (only one name required per pitch)
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INFORMATION ABOUT THE FORMAT

This year, the competition for the title of British Flyball Champions will be open to the top 18-seeded teams that have entered, rather than just the top 6 as in previous years.

Speed Trials will be run to determine the seeding for the top 3 divisions from these 18 teams.

The Speed Trials, which will be held on Friday will give each team 9 runs in order to record the fastest time it can. This will be arranged as 3 races per team, and each race will be 3 heats. Each team must attempt to run 4 dogs in each heat.

Speed Trial racing is all about the time - it is not about winning or losing races. Expect exciting racing as teams battle to get into the highest division they can, with the best seeding they can manage. There may be lights as teams try to squeeze the last few 100ths of a second off their time.

These dogs are then rested in preparation for the the Double-Elimination divisions two days later.

Double-Elimination differs from a simple knock-out competition in that a team needs to be beaten twice before being eliminated, rather than just once. Teams that have lost one race are raced against each other in the Elimination Bracket for the chance of a place in the final.

In the Double-Elimination, the top two seeded teams in each division get a bye in the first round, and they each race the winner of one of the first-round races. When a team loses its first race, it drops into the Elimination Bracket, where it next races a team that has also lost one race.

When a team in the Elimination Bracket loses a race, this will be its second loss, so it is now out of the competition and is awarded its place in the division.

The Division Final is where the last unbeaten team races against the last team standing in the Elimination Bracket. If the unbeaten team wins, it is the Division Winner. If it loses, then there is a return final as both teams have now lost a single race.

Double Elimination racing is extremely exciting, as each race is significant to the final result of the division. The division winner - and so the Champions will not be known until the last race

NOTE: All other divisions will be run as 6-team Round Robins as before.



SHOW RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1. The tournament organiser(s) reserve the right to refuse entries and admission to any person not in good standing with the B.F.A.
- 2. No person shall carry out punitive or harsh handling of a dog at the tournament.
- 3. It is the Team Captains responsibility to ensure the Team is available for its class and running order.
- 4. The organiser(s) reserve the right to make any alterations they deem necessary in the event of unforeseen circumstances.
- 5. Bitches in season are not allowed near the show area. Mating of dogs is not allowed.
- 6. A dog must be withdrawn from competition if it is:
 - a. Suffering from any infectious or contagious disease
 - b. A danger to safety of any person or animal
 - c. Likely to cause suffering to the dog if it continues to compete
- 7. All dogs enter into the tournament at their own risk and whilst every care will be taken, the organiser(s) cannot accept responsibility for damage, injury or loss however caused to dogs, persons or property whilst at the event.
- 8. All owners/handlers must clean up after their dogs. Anyone failing to do so will be asked to leave the venue.
- 9. BFA rules and policies will apply throughout the sanctioned tournament.
- 10. No alcohol is to be consumed within or around the ring.
- 11. If circumstances make it necessary that the tournament is cancelled, the organisers reserve the right to defray expenses incurred by deducting such expenses from entry fees received.
- 12. On and around the flyball and camping fields a strict speed limit (5 mph) will apply and vehicle movement restrictions will apply throughout the event.

Entries will be taken on date of receipt as for all sanctioned tournaments: Rule 4.1(h). Electronic entries must be sent by email to jocrosswellk9bfa@gmail.com

Two minutes warm up will be allowed between races.

The lower divisions will be run on Friday, the middle divisions on Saturday and the higher divisions on Sunday. The Top 18 teams will have Speed Trials on Friday and Double-Elimination on Sunday.