

Is your dog full of energy, ball-mad and in need of a challenge?

Why not try Flyball!

What is Flyball?

Flyball is a fun and energetic sport your dog will love. Flyball competitions consist of two teams racing against each other. The dogs in the teams take it in turns to jump over four hurdles in succession. The dogs then trigger a pedal on a box after the last hurdle, which releases a tennis ball. The dog must catch and hold the tennis ball in its mouth before returning over the hurdles to the start line allowing the next dog in the team to race. The first team to have its fourth dog across the finish line wins the race.

Reasons why you should do Flyball

- Stimulating enjoyment for you and your dog.
- Meet new friends – as a team sport there is plenty of fun to be had.
- Fast, fun and furious – your dog will love it.
- Your dog does not have to be a pedigree – all dogs can take part in Flyball.
- You could even qualify for Crufts.

All you need to know is:

- Your dog must be registered on the Kennel Club Breed Register or the Activity Register.
- Competitors taking part in any Kennel Club licensed event must familiarise themselves with the Kennel Club Rules and Regulations beforehand. The Flyball Regulations can be found in the Agility and Flyball Regulations booklet which is available from the Kennel Club Publications Department.
- No previous experience necessary so request a list of Flyball Clubs today!

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For a free list of **Training Clubs running Flyball classes*** in your county please contact the Kennel Club on **0870 606 6750 ext 226 or 212**, or complete a **Further Information Request form available via the Kennel Club website**. Alternatively, show listings can be found in the Kennel Gazette. To purchase the Kennel Gazette please contact the Kennel Club publications department on **020 7518 1016**.

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* Clubs are listed under county. Not all Clubs are registered with the Kennel Club. Where no clubs are registered in your chosen county, club listings closest to your address will be sent instead.

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Flyball Competitions: Top Tips

Backstop board

Because Flyball dogs dash down the course so quickly backstop boards must be in place to stop dogs hurtling into the walls or similar obstacles and hurting themselves.

Collars and harnesses

As the first dog sets off its teammates can get very overexcited as they know that it will soon be their chance to have a go. Dogs bark loudly and you will have to hold onto them tightly with a good stout collar or harness to prevent them jumping the gun. You are not allowed to hold them by the scruff of their necks.

False starts

Do not let your dog go early or it will have to run again after its other teammates.

Hurdles

Every hurdle needs to be attempted – no ignoring them on the way back or your dog will be penalised.

Finish line

Make sure you keep your own feet behind the finish line or your dog will have to run again and you will lose precious time for your team.

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Are you ready for your first Flyball competition?

So, you have been attending Flyball classes and your team are now ready to enter their first competition. Here's a run down of what you need to do next.

Entering the competition

- Contact the Kennel Club for a list of shows in your area. We will send you listings of all the shows, with the telephone and address details of the club secretaries who are running them.
- When your team has decided which show they want to enter, phone the secretary of the club and request a schedule (these are usually free of charge).
- Once you have the schedule, complete the entry form (which is located inside the schedule) – not forgetting to choose a team name!
- Send your entry form and payment to the secretary before the closing date. Entries received after the closing date will not be accepted.

“Flyball is a fun, fast and exciting sport for both dogs and handlers which will leave the crowds jumping off their seats!”

Louise Jones

Before the show

- Groom and prepare your dog.
- Prepare a show bag containing your leads, harness, water bowls, water, poop scoop etc.
- Remember to take your show passes (if appropriate), schedule and directions.

At the show

- Arrive at the showground/venue in plenty of time to find the Flyball area and the rest of your team.
- Keep an eye on the judging and don't miss your run!
- Speak to fellow exhibitors and learn more about Flyball.
- Look around the show and have a fantastic day!

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Handling your dog

Attending your first Flyball competition may cause your dog to behave differently than it does in training. Young dogs in particular can be bothered by crowds and if this is the case you can move a little way from other competitors and officials. Just remember it is a new experience for you and your dog and should you have any concerns there are always Stewards/Officials available to speak to.

