



Dates: October 13, 14 & 15 2017

Tournament Director: Neil Flood

Acting Regional Director: Steve Corona

Timeline:

Thursday:

- Building opens at 2:00 p.m. for crating area setup and Check in
- Building closes at 9:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday:

- 6:00 a.m. Building Opens (enter through Gate #6 off of Fall Creek Parkway)
<http://www.in.gov/statefair/fairgrounds/docs/Fairgroundsmap-2008.pdf>
- 6:30 a.m. Check-in available
- ALL clubs must review and sign off on their check-in sheets before 7:30 a.m. Failure to turn in your check-in sheet by the deadline will result in Forfeiture for the day.
- 7:00 – 7:30 a.m. Measuring
- 7:30 – 7:50 a.m. Captains Meeting
- 8:00 a.m. Racing Begins
- Awards ceremony will follow at the end of racing
- Saturday Only: Invitations to the CanAm Regular and Multibreed Championships will occur during awards ceremony. Be sure to have a representative present if you think you've qualified.

Sunday:

- 5:00 a.m. Building Opens (enter through Gate #6 off of Fall Creek Parkway)
<http://www.in.gov/statefair/fairgrounds/docs/Fairgroundsmap-2008.pdf>
- 5:30 a.m. Team Registration Open
- All teams will be required to verify lineups using a check-in sheet.
- 6:00 a.m. Division and Racing Schedules available for distribution
- 6:00 – 6:30 a.m. Measuring
- 6:30 a.m. Check-in sheets for CanAm Regular and CanAm Multibreed dogs must be received and verified.
- 6:30 a.m. Measuring available for CanAm Finalist team dogs
- 6:30 a.m. – 6:50 a.m. Captains Meeting
- 6:45 a.m. Check-in sheets for Regular, Multibreed, Open and Veterans classes are due.
- 7:00 a.m. CanAm Regular Championship first round of eliminations begin in Red & Blue Rings for the Regular Class of racing.
- 8:00 a.m. **or immediately upon completion of elimination**, regular tournament racing to begin in all six rings
- 12:00 p.m. (approximately) First round of CanAm Multibreed Championship racing, and 2nd round of CanAm Regular Championship racing will occur in Red & Blue rings. All other rings will stop racing during this time. Racing will resume 10 minutes after completion of 2nd round CanAm Regular Championship racing ends.

- 3:00 p.m. (approximately) At the completion of all round robin racing. 3rd Place and Final rounds for CanAm Multibreed Championship, followed by 3rd place and Final Round CanAm Regular Championship. This will be followed by running the finals for each multibreed and regular Classic divisions, in reverse order (i.e. MB 3, MB 2, MB 1, Reg 10, Reg 9 etc.) Note: There may be some changes in race order to accommodate potential club back-to-back races.

Rings & Ring Assignments:

- Rings are designated Red, Blue, Green, Pink, Purple and Orange with backstops and flags colored as such.
- Friday's schedule will utilize 3 of the 6 rings (1 schedule, 3 rings): Pink, Purple & Orange
- Saturday and Sunday's schedule will utilize all 6 rings (1 schedule, 6 rings)
- There will be several large monitors in the building showing which races are currently racing, on deck, and in the hole, for each ring. Thanks to <http://www.flyballgeek.com> and Jeremy Meeler for helping with the delivery of this information!
- You can also view this information on your internet connected mobile devices. Visit the link above and select the appropriate days schedule.

Racing Format:

- Non-Veterans classes run a 3 of 5 format with the maximum number of heats being 5.
- Veterans Class runs a 4 of 4 format. There will be some cases where a veteran team races an open class team. In these cases both lanes will run a 4 of 4 format.
- In the case of Bye races, non-Veteran teams will have 5 attempts to complete three heats. Veteran teams will run 4 heats.

Scoring:

- 3 of 5 races: The race winner shall receive 2 tournament points. If after 5 heats the race is tied, each team will receive 1 tournament point.
- Veterans Class: The winner of each heat will receive 2 tournament points. Heats ending in a tie will result in 1 point awarded to each team.
- Single Elimination (Sunday Championship Classes & Classic Division Finals): The team that wins the most heats out of five shall be declared the race winner and advance in the bracket. If, after five heats, the race is tied, and there was not a heat that ended with both lanes having not finished, a 6th heat will be run. If one of the heats ended with both lanes not completing, then the tie breaker will be the fastest time in that race.
- Tournament: Division ties will be resolved as follows: Head to head racing; then best time of the day.

Head Judges:

- Steve Heine
- Elizabeth Theesfeld
- Dave Collett
- Amy Brubaker Stewart
- Chris Carr
- Peter Wesdyk

Conflicts:

- Clubs that have short breaks (e.g. less than 9 races on Friday or 13 races on Saturday/Sunday) between different (same club) teams racing **MUST SEND A "RUNNER"** to inform the head table/judge in the ring in which you are due to race, of a conflict before the warmup begins!

- This will cause your conflict to be excused and the ring will wait for you. Failure to inform the head table/judge for the ring in which you are due, in a timely manner, will result in the warmup beginning without you and your team being on the clock for potential forfeiture.
- Additionally, please "do the right thing", and inform your opponent that a conflict exists so they are aware of the delay, and can prepare accordingly.
- We are counting on the good judgement and sportsmanship of our larger clubs to help the racing to move as quickly, smoothly, and efficiently as possible.
- If the "excused ring conflict" policy/process does not work as hoped, we will return next year to team number limits for excused conflicts.
- Handler/dog/boxloader/pass-caller issues involving Open teams from a different club are not excused conflicts. If you know there is a conflict, please arrange alternate personnel.

Flyball Boxes & Equipment:

- There are taped areas behind the backstop for flyball boxes/balls/jump boards. Please only put the boxes and equipment you are actually using in these areas. There is plenty of extra space in the building along the wall opposite of the crating areas for you to put extra/spare boxes and equipment. They will still be near the lanes should you need them but not taking up valuable space.

Heat Counters:

- CanAm utilizes heat counter displays stationed at the head table of each ring. Each red light represents a heat won by the right lane, and each green light represents a heat won by the left lane. Bright white lights tell you how many heats are definitely left in the current race, while dim white lights indicate potential additional heats. At the end of each race, the lights will blink to indicate a winner (red for right lane, green for left lane).

Auto-Pass Evaluator (APE) System:

- CanAm will again use the Auto-Pass Evaluator (APES) developed by Dave Thomas. These will be used for "information only" during Friday and Saturday racing. During the Championship Invitational races and Classic Division finals races, they will be used to assist the judges. More details will be provided at the captains meeting.

LiveStreaming

- CanAm will once again have LiveStreaming! Below is the link to follow online, please share with friends and teammates back home: <https://www.meridix.com/channel/?liveid=flyballracingnetwork#/schedule>

Prizes/Award Ceremony:

- Each club will receive a CanAm welcome bag.
- CanAm gifts will be ready for distribution after the captains meeting each morning. Each bag of gifts will be labeled with club names. The number of gifts provided to each club are according to the number of people reported to be attending. If your numbers changed and you need an extra or two see Laurie Wahl.
- Prizes will be awarded in all divisions. On Friday & Saturday, the top 3 finishers will receive prizes. On Sunday the top 2 finishers will receive prizes.

Vendors and Sponsors:

- Please take time to visit the booths of our sponsors and vendors. They help make this event possible. Even if you aren't in the market for something, stop by and say thanks for coming.

Security/Parking:

- Please put all valuables in a secure location as the building is open to the public. During tear down on Sunday remember that if clubs around your area remove all their crates what you thought might have been a good hiding place may no longer be secure.
- We are working on hiring additional law enforcement personnel to provide dedicated security for our event. All competitors will be REQUIRED to wear a NAFA® provided wristband to verify that they are involved with CanAm. This will assist the security personnel in identifying people that do not belong in the crating or parking areas.
- Parking is \$5.00/day. For those camping at the fairgrounds see the RV section of the CanAm web site for details regarding how parking is handled.
- We are working on having a designated “CanAm” section in the parking lot which make monitoring our vehicles easier for security.

Miscellaneous:

- No Coca-Cola® products are allowed in the building. Please review food policies posted in the FAQ section of web site
- (<http://www.nafacanam.com/NoCokeOnlyPepsi.html>)
- Emergency information for humans and dogs will be available on site and are listed on the CanAm Web site, under the FAQ section, if you would like to print off some in advance <http://nafacanam.com/FairgroundEmergencyInfo.pdf>
- First Aid: A general first aid kit can be found at the scoring/pit area. For emergencies please come to the scoring/pit area and alert us. **Do not call 911.** We must call Fairgrounds Security @ 317-927-7520. They will dispatch the appropriate emergency vehicles or take care of any minor emergency. In the case of an emergency, please alert the pit area as soon as you can, so we may help direct emergency personnel to you. For other area emergency clinics, check <http://www.nafacanam.com/faqs.html#ER>.
- Emergency Veterinary: The closest emergency veterinary hospital to the fairgrounds is Noah's Animal Hospital & 24 HR Emergency Center at http://www.noahshospitals.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=12&Itemid=1. It's approximately nine (9) minutes from the fairgrounds. 317-253-1327, 5510 Millersville Rd, Indianapolis, IN. (4.1 miles). For other area emergency vet clinics, [check here](#).
- RV Camping: For those camping at the fairgrounds see the RV section of the CanAm web site for details regarding how parking is handled. (<http://www.nafacanam.com/RV.html>).
- **Please pick up after your dog**
- Pre-ordered CanAm T-Shirts & Hats will be presorted by club name. Those packets will be available to be picked up from MyLogoShop after Noon on Thursday. They will be selling additional shirts on site, as well as taking additional orders on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Please visit <http://www.in.gov/statefair/fairgrounds/visitors.html> site directions. If you have any questions or need assistance, please come to the pit area and someone will be happy to help.

ABOVE ALL, PLEASE HAVE A SAFE AND FUN CANAM!