

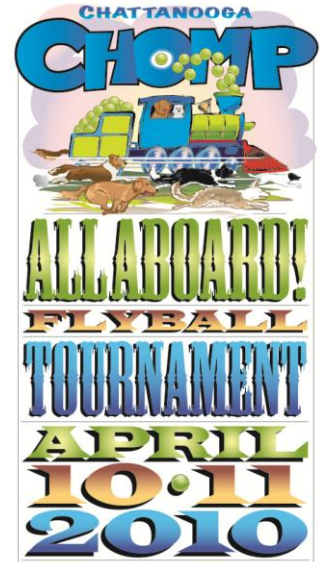
April 4, 2010

Welcome!

Thank you for entering the Chattanooga Chomp's 17th & 18th flyball tournaments on April 10 & 11 at Play Dog Excellent in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Geoff Brown from Raleigh, NC is our judge, with Paul Ferlitto of Wilsonville, AL providing relief.

Both Saturday and Sunday, we have 81 races: 30 teams in 6 divisions (1 Multibreed, 2 Open, and 3 Regular divisions). All races are 3/5 on Saturday, 3/3 on Sunday. This is a fairly heavy schedule, and we will greatly appreciate your help keeping it moving.

The division assignments and racing schedules are posted [on our web site](#). Here's the rest of the story:



Tournament timeline: (Chattanooga is in the Eastern Time zone)

Friday 04/09

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm: set up, early check-in

IMPORTANT: Please do not arrive before 6:30pm. We will not be able to accommodate any requests for parking, setups, or even answering questions any earlier than 6:30pm. PDX is a working dog daycare and kennel, and we need to get our regular customers safely on their way before switching to flyball mode. If you do arrive before 6:30pm, please wait in the vacant Krystal or Valvoline parking lots across the street. If you would like to arrive early and help with the lane setup, please contact Angie Jennings to make arrangements: angie@pdxdogs.com or 706-264-8215.

Saturday 04/10

7:00am: Building opens and check-in begins

7:15am: Box check

7:30am: Measuring

7:45am: Captain's Meeting

8:00am: Racing begins! All races 3/5

Sunday 04/11

6:30am: Building opens and check-in begins

6:45am: Box check

7:00am: Measuring

7:15am: Captain's Meeting

7:30am: Racing begins! All races 3/3

We will not be breaking for lunch either day.

Tournament scoring: Teams will receive 1 point for each heat won. Heats ending in a tie will result in each team receiving ½ of a point. Ties will be broken first by head to head analysis. If still tied, we will look at the best time from head to head racing. If still tied, we will use best time overall.

Directions: PDX is located at 4113 Dayton Blvd in Chattanooga TN 37415. Our phone number is 423-870-7740. If you cannot reach us there, try Angie's cell phone 706-264-8215. Please see our web site for [directions](#), [hotels](#), and [camping](#) information. Note of caution: be sure to observe the yellow lines on Morrison Springs road as you pass the Bi-Lo, and be extra cautious at the stop lights on Dayton Blvd – they are rigged to automatically send you a \$50 ticket if you go through on the red light or faster than 40mph.

Awards and Brags: We're going to try something a little different this time. We'll have double awards on Saturday and skip awards on Sunday. That way, teams can hit the road as soon as they finish racing. We have toys and dog treats as well as excellent commemorative book-markers for those of us without iPads. Brag-wise, we're excited about our new button maker, and we'll be able to make brag buttons both days. We'll also catch up on brags from our January tournament when the button maker broke and left us bereft.

Workers: We need your help with line and box judging. Our worker's raffle will include Tommy's astounding homemade cheese cakes to motivate and reward your efforts. You will receive a ticket for each race you work. The more you work, the better your chance to win! Drawings will be held during the awards on Saturday, and mid-afternoon on Sunday.

Facility: we have 16,000 square feet of open space plus another 4,000 for office areas and food service, a small retail shop with treats, bones, and toys, and rest rooms. The store will be open from 9am until noon on Saturday only. Although it is very heavily insulated, the arena is not climate controlled, so dress and plan accordingly. The arena does have power throughout, but outlets are sparse, so bring heavy-duty extension cords and power strips if you need to run electrical things. Free WIFI in the arena; the access code will be posted. We have a large field on the side for walking and pottying. Please use the bags and buckets provided to pick up. We will make the back play yard available between 1pm and 6pm once the boarding dogs are through with it. Please be extra careful not to leave any trash, food, or poop in your wake.

Crating: Team areas will be marked off, but not assigned (except for MCRD, Bandits, and Chomp). Please observe the aisles for traffic flow and fire marshal regulations. We do have about 30 crates available in the air-conditioned office space, and you're free to use them as long as you clean up after your dog. First come, first served: just head toward the sign that says Crating.

Parking: We have a fairly large parking lot, but with this many teams coming, we'll need to optimize the space. Please use the field if there are no spots available in the lot. You can access the field from the back of the lot. Please do not block the field access route, which will be marked by cones. PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR!

Neighbors: We are surrounded on three sides by residential zones. I don't want to antagonize our neighbors any more than absolutely necessary, so please keep your dogs from barking outside, especially early in the morning. Don't leave your dogs unattended in your car if they're going to bark. If anyone complains directly to you, please be polite, then come to find someone in a Chomp shirt to handle it.

Smoking: For our daycare dog's safety, smoking is permitted only in the designated area just outside the rolling gate at the back of the building. We hate to be persnickety about this, but it's imperative that dogs do not get access to cigarette butts anywhere in the front or back play yards, or in the parking lot on their way to and from the building. One negligence lawsuit could cost us the business, so please restrict smoking to your own vehicle or to the designated area, and be extra careful to dispose of cigarette butts in the marked container.

Meals: We will not be running a concession this tournament, although we will have a free coffee service set up each morning. You may bring your own food (with a plea to keep your area as clean as possible and clean up all trash before leaving), or make a quick run to one of the many close fast food choices. 10 minutes or less in the car will get you to Hardees, Firehouse Subs, Pizza Hut, Domino's, Sonic, Arby's, McDonalds, Taco Bell, Wendy's, Subway, as well as a Bi-Lo, Rite-Aid, and Walgreens.

Shopping: points of critical interest –

- Hixson Walmart (4 miles) | [directions](#) |
- Signal Mountain Walmart (5 miles) | [directions](#) |
- Starbucks – in Target (4 miles) | [directions](#) |

Vendors: We will have no vendors or photographers at this event.

We're looking forward to having a great time with you. If you have any questions, please let me know. Thanks again!

Bev Eitner, Tournament Secretary
Chattanooga Chomp Flyball Club