



## **6<sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Long Weekend Tournament February 17-18th, 2018**

### **Ancaster Fairgrounds**

Welcome to our 6th Annual Winter Tournament. We have 30 teams entered and it will be run as a one ring tournament. Thank you to all the clubs who entered. We are looking forward to a great weekend of racing!

If there is snow on the ground when entering the building in the morning from the box end, please use the entrance mats we will be placing down over the running mats to cross over to the crating on the other side of the building so that racing is not delayed to dry the mats.

#### **Venue/Directions:**

Ancaster Fair Grounds - 630 Trinity Road RR#1. Jerseyville, Ontario. L0R 1R0.

#### **Here is the link for Google maps.**

<https://www.google.ca/maps/place/Ancaster+Fairgrounds/@43.18723,80.043014,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!3m1!1s0x882c888d80eef1fb:0x1493dfff84741531>

**Crating:** Indoor crating is available but it will be tight with the number of clubs we have entered. Please only use the amount of space you need. We will tighten you up if necessary so everyone can crate inside. If every club uses one "square", we should all fit.

**Judges:** Dave Walt will be our head judge.

**Start Time:** Racing will start at 8:00 am on both Saturday and Sunday. The building will be opened around 7:00 am Saturday morning and at least 30 minutes before racing starts on Sunday.

**Measuring:** Josh Watson will be measuring dogs from 7:40 to 7:55 am Saturday morning.

**Warm Ups:** For each team's first race of the day, you will receive two minutes to warm up. For all races after that, you will be allotted one minute. Warm ups begin as soon as the previous teams have removed their boxes from the ring. **Seeding/Schedule:** We used the NAFA Schedule Optimizer to create the schedule. The seeding and schedule have been sent to all club captains but can also be found at our web site [www.rocketrelay.com](http://www.rocketrelay.com).

**Race Formats/Placement:** All divisions will be 3 out of 5 heats. Two tournament points will be awarded for winning the race in regular and open. If no team wins 3 heats and all 5 heats have been run, then both teams will be awarded one point.

*Highest point total at the end of the tournament determines divisional placement.*

Open 3 will be a Double round robin with placement awards to 3rd place.

Open 1, 2, 4 and Regular 3 will be Triple round robin with placement awards to 2nd place.

Regular 1, 2, 4 will be Quad round robin with placements for 1<sup>st</sup> only.

**Tie Breaker:** 1st – Head to head racing; 2nd - Fastest tournament time (not a break out time).

**Scoring:** We will be scoring the tournament as we go. If you notice any discrepancies on the stickers, please let the head table know right away so we can correct the errors in the computer program. We will also have the exact dog point totals immediately after the last race each day. Please feel free to drop by the head table just a few minutes after the end of racing to review your dogs' point totals. We will try to print off a copy of the point totals by club for your review during awards on Sunday.

**Time Sheets:** We can fill out your time sheets for you. Please send Aaron (rocketrelayflyball@gmail.com) line ups no later than 6:00 pm on Thurs Feb 15th and we will gladly prepare them for you. Please include CRN's and identify height dogs. Time sheets, including those submitted in advance, will be available at the head table. If you submitted your time sheet before the start of the tournament you are still required to check them for accuracy. Remember, all time sheets must be completed and submitted to the head table prior to the start of the first race in your division.

**Box Judging:** We graciously request box loaders stay to box judge the race immediately following their own race and any other time you feel like jumping in.

**Camping/RV's:** Ancaster now charges HST on camping so RV's will be required to pay \$50 for one night or \$60 for two nights.

You have to let us know beforehand if you plan on camping because we have to prepay and obtain a tag to be placed on your power cord. Please find us in the building to pay and get your tag when you show up. If your cord does not have a tag on it, the fairgrounds will unplug you when they come around to check.

Also, if you run a cord to your vehicle to run a heater you will be required to pay \$25 per day as per the Fairgrounds.

**Camp Fires:** Ancaster has a very strict NO OPEN FLAMES policy on their insurance policy. So absolutely no camp fires are allowed at any time!!!

**Garbage:** Garbage barrels will be placed in the camping area and around the arena. Please try to put garbage inside the bag in the barrel (pull it up if necessary). Rocket Relay is responsible for garbage pickup throughout the weekend. If an area needs attention, please let a member know and we will attend to it as quickly as possible."

**Hotels:** Hotel info is available on our website at the top of the tournaments page.

**Hospital:** West Haldimand General Hospital is in Hagersville, about 12 km south of Caledonia along highway 6. Turn left at the Argyle Street stop light in Caledonia, follow Argyle south to highway 6, follow 6 south to the first stop light in Hagersville. Turn left, the hospital is about 3 blocks down King Street.

**Animal Care:** East Mountain Animal Hospital (289-768-2501). 1175 Stone Church Rd E. Hamilton, ON L8W 2C6. It is open 24 hours with no after hours fees.

**Food:** We will be running a kitchen at the event. You can expect breakfast sandwiches and CrockPot items.

**Raffle:** We are putting together a great raffle table. The draw will take place around 2:00 pm Sunday afternoon.

**Single Dog Racing:** SDR will run from 6-8 pm on Friday. \$5 for 5 runs and you are responsible for finding a dog to run against if you wish to have one.

Please Pick Up After Your Dog so we will continue to be welcomed back for many more years to come. Bags Will Be Located At The Entrance Doors.

Should you have any questions or concerns leading up to or during the tournament, please feel free to come and see me or email us at [rocketrelayflyball@gmail.com](mailto:rocketrelayflyball@gmail.com) and we will do our best to address your needs.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!!!

Thanks

Aaron Robbins