

The Game

Flyball is a high-speed team sport for dogs and their people. "Team" is very much at the heart of it – you'll see competitors cheering for their teammates' dogs as loudly as for their own.

Flyball is a relay race where two four-dog teams race against each other in parallel lanes. Each dog jumps four hurdles, triggers a spring-loaded box to release a ball, catches the ball and carries it back over the hurdles to the starting line, at which time the next dog is released and the next and the next. Speed is important, but accuracy counts too - any error and that dog has to rerun, adding to the team's total time.

Jump heights are determined by the height of the smallest dog on the team – this dog is called the "height dog" and they are worth their weight in gold.

NAFA tournaments are divided into divisions so that teams compete against other teams of equal abilities. All dogs, purebred or mixed-breed, are eligible to compete and earn titles. Dogs can get awards both for winning their division and for accumulating points throughout their careers.

NAFA racing is timed using a state-of-the-art wireless system with infrared sensors, an LED Start Tree (like drag strip racing) and large LED displays that show the start time along with each dog's individual time and the overall team time. The times are recorded down to a thousandth of a second. The NAFA record time is less than 15 seconds!



How to get started:

Visit the NAFA® website at <http://www.flyball.org/getstarted/> to find a team, class, or tournament near you. There are 400+ NAFA flyball clubs in the United States and Canada, with more than 7,000 dogs competing. Come join the excitement!

“Flyball is like
drag racing for
dogs!”

North American Flyball Association, Inc.®

Celebrating over 30 years of NAFA® Flyball!

The NAFA CanAm Classic!

The World's Largest Flyball Tournament!

Try Flyball Because:

- It's a great way to meet and hang out with fellow dog-lovers.
- It provides excellent physical and mental exercise for an active dog and helps you form a working bond with your dog.
- Any size or breed of dog can play, including mixed breeds. You will also see many rescue dogs competing in flyball.
- NAFA's Veterans Class allows dogs age 7 and over to have fun too.
- Racing is competitive and exciting, no matter what division you're in.
- It's addictive!

