

Rules for NAFA Futurity Class

The purpose of the NAFA Futurity Class is to give young dogs an opportunity to demonstrate a variety of skills necessary to play the sport of flyball at NAFA sanctioned flyball tournament.

One dog at a time will be tested. The Test shall be a restrained Recall to the handler over a measured distance. Success will be reported as Pass or Fail with a Pass being the successful recall to the handler. The handler will be given one opportunity to recall the dog.

The class is not mandatory at tournaments but may be offered at the host club's discretion.

This pilot project will run for approximately one year until August 31, 2006 and will be reviewed by the board at that time.

A. General Rules applying to NAFA Futurity classes.

1. All dogs participating in the Futurity class must be permanently registered with NAFA with a Competition Registration Number (CRN). This number must be purchased in advance of the event. The CRN must be recorded on the NAFA C14 event form prior to the start of the Futurity class.
2. The Futurity class may be offered at any NAFA sanctioned event. A host club must announce the offering of the class within 48 hours of the start of the sanctioned event.
3. The Futurity class must be scheduled so that it does not interfere with any portion of the sanctioned event either by running the Futurity class prior to the start of the sanctioned tournament, or at the end of either day of the event.
4. There will be no winner declared in any Futurity class. Results will be reported as a PASS or FAIL.
5. No NAFA points shall be awarded because of a Futurity class.
6. Dogs entered into the sanctioned Flyball tournament by inclusion on a NAFA timesheet, are not allowed in the Futurity class.
7. Bitches in season will not be allowed to enter the Futurity class.
8. NAFA will maintain and report the results of the Futurity.
9. The Futurity class cannot be held at the same time as racing is occurring in the tournament.
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B. Futurity classes.

1. 4 – 6 month puppy class.

For dogs 4 months of age to under 6 months of age on the day of the test.

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2. 6 - 9 month puppy class.

For dogs 6 months of age to under 9 months of age on the day of the test.

3. 9 - 12 month puppy class.

For dogs 9 months of age to under 12 months of age on the day of the test.

4. Over 12 month's class.

For dogs 1 year of age or older on the day of the test.

C. Test course requirements.

The test course consists of a run-up area, 51 foot section including a start and finish line and slow down area. The following are approved testing surfaces:

1. Natural surface.

May be hard packed dirt free of stones or short cut grass. Surfaces must be free of holes, debris and contaminants.

2. Artificial surfaces.

Concrete or other such hard surfaces must be covered with matting or carpeting.

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Start and Finish Line.

A start and finish line, separated by a 51-foot distance, must be clearly defined using a tape or chalk if outdoors to enable the Tester to clearly view the dog's recall.

Testing Lane.

To protect the integrity of the tournament racing ring(s), the testing lane may not be part of the existing tournament racing lanes.

D. Reporting Results.

The host club shall submit the completed entry form C14 for each entrant to NAFA with the results of their sanctioned flyball tournament.

E. Testers.

Designated Testers shall be NAFA Approved Judges, Regional Directors or the event's Tournament Director.