

What is Flyball?

Flyball is a relay race between two competing teams. Each team has four dogs. Dogs from each team race side by side, jump over four hurdles, trigger a Flyball box pedal to retrieve a tennis ball and return over the jumps to the start / finish line where the next dog eagerly awaits its turn to race.

The winning team is judged on least time for all four dogs to complete the course without faults.



Can my dog participate?

The sport of Flyball is suitable for any dog over 12 months of age, regardless of breed, shape, or size. Dogs who love to chase, jump, catch, retrieve, compete and just love to please their owners are well suited to flyball

Flyball and obedience

The sport of flyball reinforces the disciplines taught in obedience class, and therefore does not interfere with any obedience training.

Flyball opportunities at DGKOC

Competing in Flyball is a relatively new experience for Dover, with the inaugural team first competing in the Royal Adelaide Show in 2005. Additional opportunities arise for demonstrations from time to time within our club activities, as well as combining with other Flyball teams from the State.

We envisage that as our teams build up, more opportunities will arise.

Training and participating as a team

As with any team sport, consistent attendance at training is required. Dogs must learn to work with each other, and handlers learn the in's and out's required to function as a competitive team.

Training takes place on Sunday mornings, including separate sessions for the teams, and beginners. There should be a training session suitable to your time requirements and obedience training schedule.

As with anything, practice makes perfect.



Membership requirements

To participate in Flyball training you must be a current member of DGKOC.



What equipment will I need?

No equipment is required to be purchased in the initial stages, however as you progress to a team level, it is strongly recommended to have a specially designed flyball harness, for ease of control over your dog. Some competitions will also require you to have suitable "crating" facilities for your dog during the competition. Others may accept a suitable "stake" in the ground.

DGKOC owns two state of the art flyball boxes suitable for dogs that turn either left or right, and help reduce the impact of dogs jumping "straight on" to the box.

Fun for the whole family

Why not involve all the family, as box loaders, ball collectors and other responsibilities are also required for the teams.

Sunday Training

Training is held in conjunction with the hot weather policy for Sunday Obedience. No training on Sunday if the forecast on Saturday night is 34 degrees or over.

Limited Sunday training if the forecast is between 30 – 33 degrees.

*Held at: Dover Gardens Kennel and
Obedience Club Inc
Cnr Quick Rd, and Bradley Gr
MITCHELL PARK SA 5043*

Training from 9.30am



If you would like any further information on flyball, members of the Fly'd Over team are available most Sunday mornings and look forward to talking with you.

