



CONSTITUTION

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I. Organization of club leadership

- a. Owner – Currently Toby Emo
- b. Captain - Currently Toby Emo
 - i. Duties include:
 1. Representing team in public and in the flyball community
 2. Assuming responsibility of team
 3. Leading team in practice and at tournaments
 4. Tournament director
 - ii. Assistant captains appointed by captain to assume captain duties when captain is unavailable
 - iii. Any decisions made that affect the Buffalo Wings Flyball club will be ultimately made by the team captain
- c. Secretary/Treasurer – Currently Ailsa Emo
 - i. Duties include:
 1. Maintaining Buffalo Wings Flyball bank account
 2. Collecting membership and tournament dues
 3. Taking notes at any meetings held by club
 4. Tournament secretary

II. Racing Philosophy

- a. Mission Statement – Buffalo Wings is a competitive club which puts emphasis on the well being of the dogs and their handlers, as well as sportsmanship, teamwork and fun, responsible ownership, and the promotion of the sport of flyball. Our goals at every tournament are to win our division if possible, put points on our dogs and always have fun trying.
- b. Sportsmanship
 - i. Any team member that does not exhibit good sportsmanship is subject to dismissal from the team via a majority team vote
 1. Good sportsmanship, as pertaining to the Buffalo Wings Flyball club, is defined as a member that is fair, courteous to fellow members, generous, a good loser and a gracious winner.

- a. No member is allowed to taunt another team, use foul or abusive language or demonstrate dissatisfaction of a judge's decision in the racing ring as per NAFA rules of racing Section 5.1 (d).
 - b. All members are required to shake the opposing team's members hands after each race.
 - c. New team members
 - i. Are required to submit an application form subject to approval by the team captain (See attached application form)
 - d. Individual team coaches to be appointed by captain for each tournament, responsibilities include:
 - i. Filling out and submitting time sheets at each tournament
 - ii. Making line-ups with the dogs available to them for their team which maximizes racing for individual dogs without compromising the speed and placement potential for that particular team
 - iii. Extra available spots on teams will go to green dogs that have completed the appropriate level of training (See Section III)
- III. Training Program – Each new dog that joins the club will be required to complete all of the following levels of training before being placed on a team roster for warm-ups and/or racing. How each dog accomplishes each level will require different techniques of training that are open to discussion at all times.
 - a. **Level One**
 - i. Dog can do a dead ball retrieval from the ground or ramp
 - ii. Dog can run down and back over all four jumps set at the lowest height with or without gating
 - iii. Dog can combine first two steps and bring the ball all the way back over the four jumps
 - b. **Level Two**
 - i. Dog can operate and get the ball from the box
 - c. **Level Three**
 - i. Dog can race with another dog in the same lane and can do some kind of a pass with a dog in front, behind or both
 - ii. Dog can race with another dog in the opposite lane
 - iii. Dog can race without any assistance from gating or any other training devices in the lane
 - d. Dog aggression
 - i. As per NAFA rules of racing Section 8.4, no dog is allowed to show undue aggression toward another dog or handler at time during a competition. This rule also applies to Buffalo Wings Flyball club practices. Violations of this rule will be brought forward to the team captain and the team captain will determine the proper course of action to be taken with the dog and owner.
- IV. Practice Format

- a. All members will inform the captain before each practice who and what dogs will be attending so that a practice schedule can be made ahead of time
 - b. Due to current constraints of pure numbers of members and dogs, practice of green dogs will be mixed in with experienced dog work
 - c. Practice will be geared toward working on tourney prep or skills work depending on the tournament schedule
 - d. Green dogs will work on accomplishing Training Program
 - e. Experienced dogs will work on racing, passing and individual skills
- V. Membership Requirements
- a. Attend at least half of the practices
 - b. Pay all dues on time unless other arrangements have been agreed upon by captain
 - c. Help out with set up and tear down at practice and/or tournaments
 - d. Show good sportsmanship at all times (See Section II b)
 - e. Have fun with your dog(s)