



Team Selection Policy

Team selection is a complex process and it is very difficult to put every dog on a team that the handler will be happy with.

Please advise the Flyball Sub-Committee when you nominate for a competition if there are any special considerations you would like us to take into account when putting your dog in a team. We can not promise anything, but will try.

Please keep in mind that there will always be new dogs that need a chance to prove themselves, and the dogs that have proven themselves sometimes need to give the newer dogs a hand.

The committee has decided to share a few considerations we take into account when selecting teams:

1. The handler's commitment to training?
2. What height is each dog?
3. Is the dog a height dog?
4. Can the dog jump their own height comfortably or do they need to be with a height dog?
5. Will the dog run all day, or do they need to be in a 5 or 6 dog team?
6. Does the dogs times improve rapidly over lower jumps or are they consistent?
7. What speed is the dog?
8. If this dog sits out a heat will it affect the seed time?
9. Does the dog have trouble passing with any other dog?
10. Is the dog a start dog?
11. What combination of dogs work well together?
12. Does the dog slow down during the day?
13. Will there be any handler personality clashes?
14. Does the handler have two dogs? They need to be in different teams and divisions.
15. How competitive are the handlers? Who are in it to win, who wants to have fun?
16. Is it going to be a hot comp?
17. Is there a proven combination that should not be broken up?
18. What new dogs need a chance in a faster team?
19. How many dogs are entered, how many teams do we need?
20. Does each team have a good chance of finishing the competition competitively?
21. Is there an away comp that a team is going to that should be kept together?

As you can see, this is just some of the less complex issues to take into account for each dog. That is 21 question each for about 25 - 30 dogs.

This is not a simple process. Please be understanding and if you have any questions please approach the sub-committee.