

Purina World Dog Games – Games Bulletin Number 2.

We will do our best to keep members progressively updated on the planning for the World Dog Games in October.

The Games have been officially launched at a “green carpet” event at Centennial Park on 24th June. The event featured in the following Sunday paper social pages. Personalities there on the night included Cesar Millan, Grant Denyer, Jimmy Barnes , AFA President and Secretary to name a few.

The AFA has already invited members to submit nominations for the Spectacular element of the Games based on the criteria set by the organisers. Nominations close end July.

The organisers have advised us they have engaged Pam Martin (a leading US based flyballer and dog trainer) as their technical advisor for flyball and dog disc (Frisbee).

We have been advised of several clarifications regarding the Spectacular. Selected teams will be asked to supply one ball shagger per team (as well as their box loader). The organisers have indicated that the normal rule of two helpers per team (ball shaggers or gap callers etc) will not apply . They want to limit the number of people in the ring for TV filming. If teams want to have a gap caller they may use one of the team members not running a dog in that heat. It seems that the organisers are likely to also require that only 5 dogs are taken into the ring for each race (the 4 dogs racing in the heat and one reserve for that heat).

The AFA has also been asked to provide 5 stewards and two timekeepers as the Officials for the Spectacular Competition. We have decided to call for expressions of interest from members who have passed the AFA stewards or timekeepers exams and are thus accredited as stewards or timekeepers. Preference will be given to applicants who are available for all three days of the Games. Nominations can be submitted to AFA via email to Info@Flyball.org.au

The AFA is now in discussions with the Games organisers regarding the DogFest element, which involves morning and afternoon flyball demonstrations and the AFA Stand. We are requesting details of the running area and its surface before calling for Volunteers to attend demos on Friday, Saturday and Sunday the 30th October to 1st November. More news will be available shortly regarding how to get involved in this part of the Games.

Tickets for the Games are due to go on sale at end July and there will be a family ticket for two adults and two children as well as individual tickets. AFA Members will be given the chance to pre purchase tickets before they go on sale to the public. This should be available via the AFA web towards the end of this month.