**2022 Nationals – Racing surface preferences and Estimate of participating Teams.**

Norwest Flyball, hosts of the 2022 Nationals in October, are seeking an indication of the likely number of participating teams.

We have an Indoor facility which can accommodate two Flyball rings side by side on mats. We can also accommodate an outside grass ring close by, but we believe it would be fairer if all teams could compete indoors on the same surface and out of the weather. However, with a limit of two indoor rings, it would only be possible to plan for this if total team numbers in Regular racing did not exceed 50.

 We have in the past held race meetings with 24 teams racing 75 races in a single ring in one day – basically this involved starting the ring at 8 am and finishing at around 6.30 pm with a 30 Minute lunch break.

We have designed this simple survey form to (a) gauge Clubs’ reaction to the concept of all races being indoor with an extended racing day, if necessary, to get the required number of races in and (b) to try to obtain an early indication of likely numbers of Regular teams. If it looks like we will have more than 50 teams we see no option but to focus our planning on having the three-ring layout. If indications are that we can expect 50 teams or less we will consider the two-ring indoor option.

We do not anticipate any difficulty in working with 2 rings on the Monday with the Open racing and Novelty events.

We ask all Clubs that are planning to attend the 2022 Nationals to answer the following questions:

1. Would your Club prefer that all races are held indoor, if this is possible, with, if necessary, an extended 10-hour racing day?
2. How may Regular Teams do you expect your Club to enter for the 2022 Nationals?

Please email responses, if possible by end of May, under the Subject heading of “2022 Nationals” and addressed to lindsaysdogs@bigpond.com advising:

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|  | Response | Comment (if any) |
| Club Name: |  |
| Q 1. All indoor? Yes or No |  |  |
| Q 2. Expected number of Regular teams? |  |  |

Thanks for your help,

Norwest Flyball.