

National Flyball sub-committee



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What's happening around the country?

Due to Covid-19 lockdowns, most competitions in Gauteng only resumed in March this year – almost 12 months since the last competitions were held in 2020. Western Cape resumed last year but it was a start-stop affair with further restrictions being imposed. Fortunately Flyball competitions have been offered regularly around the country with a 4-show bumper weekend in Western Cape and a forthcoming 3-day event in KZN in October.

Many new dogs and teams made their debut this year and most new dogs have already achieved Flyball Dog Excellent or Flyball Dog Advanced awards. It is fantastic to see how the sport is growing in all provinces.

KUSA National Championships

The KUSA Nationals were held in Gauteng but once again, due to the risk of travel and the worry about the 3rd wave and Covid-19 infections on the rise in April, no other provinces were represented – only Gauteng teams and a mere 3 teams entered Nationals.

Congratulations goes to PMT's Machine Technology for winning the Nationals this year - a well-deserved win over FBI Special Ops in a closely contested final.

Titles and achievements

Congratulations to everyone who worked hard with their dogs to achieve the following titles:

Grand champion (2000 flyball points)

- Zakumi – Jan Smit
- Champ – Jan Smit
- Xani – Liesl Twyman (subject to KUSA ratification)
- Frankie – Regan Bosch (subject to KUSA ratification)

Th' One & Only title (1500 flyball points)

- Danté – Yolandé Johnson (subject to KUSA ratification)
- Ziva – Yolandé Johnson (subject to KUSA ratification)
- Marmite – Venita Prigge

FCI Commission for Flyball

The FCI Flyball Commission meeting is taking place on 19 November. There may be a change in hurdle width to conform to the rest of Europe, the UK and the USA after which the NFSC will approach KUSA to amend Schedule 5M appropriately.

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Flyball Open World Cup 2020 (2022)

The 2020 FOWC has been postponed yet for another year to 2022 and will be hosted in Belgium as a new bi-annual event – the Flyball Open World Cup 2022. Based on uncertainties, increased costs and limited travel options to Europe, it is highly unlikely that any South African team will be represented. We still aspire to compete at the highest level and hopefully 2024 will be the year to have a South African team in the lanes.

Thank you

Thank you to the entire Flyball community, respective provincial sub-committees, clubs who host Flyball at their shows and the judges and stewards who unselfishly give up their time to give teams the opportunity to compete.

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