2022 RuFF MEMBERSHIP

As you know, RuFF has been reorganizing! We have made these changes to keep RuFF going indefinitely – without putting any one individual on-the-line for being financially and legally responsible for the club. These changes also will make transitioning the club to new leaders much easier over the years.

If you trial with RuFF, please become a RuFF Member! Members do not need to be residents of Kentucky.

What changes has RuFF made – and why should you become a member?

1. **NonProfit Status:** As of March, 2022, Run for Fun Agility of KY was recognized as a non-profit in the commonwealth of Kentucky. And RuFF is in the process of filing paperwork with the IRS to be recognized as a 501c7 nonprofit.

501c7s are for social clubs – and, no, we’re sorry, but you won’t be able to deduct your entries or donations to RuFF on your taxes. RuFF won’t be a tax deductible organization! But the 501c7 status will allow the club to pay nonprofit taxes – and not be taxed as part of an individual’s income.

1. **Membership:** In June, RuFF began offering memberships. The purpose is NOT to make money. Dues are $10 and you get a $10 coupon back to use during the calendar (2022) year for upcoming trial entries. You’ll break even and the club will benefit because our 501c7 status as a social/sports club requires that at least 85% of our income (i.e., trial entries) must come from members. Please consider becoming a member if you attend our trials! You will earn our ever-lasting appreciation (which you already have, but you’ll get a claim-to-fame by being an inaugural 2022 member of RuFF!)

The membership application now is available on RuFF’s website (ruffagility.com) where you also will find a flyer with a list of current and future benefits of becoming a member of RuFF.

To vote in the 2022 December election, you must become a member by August 15 (see below).

1. **Officers and Board of Directors**: RuFF now has an organizational structure for shared leadership with a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two additional Board members.

The current Officers and Board members have a 1-year term expiring at the end of December. All leadership positions are open in the upcoming election! Please consider becoming a RuFF leader! Join as a member by August 15, self-nominate or have someone nominate you for a position in November, and put your name on the ballot for the December election.

Other than these organizational changes, RuFF is still the same RuFF – a fun-loving club that supports all breeds of dogs and their handlers by offering NADAC agility trials in a safe and friendly environment.

We hope you continue to support RuFF – and become even more actively involved!