

Session 2021-3 Course Descriptions (May-June)

Below is a list of classes being offered in the upcoming NADA session 2021-3 for which you may be eligible. Courses designated as **A, B or C** are the same course but held at different times. Courses with different numbers indicate different levels of training.

For online courses, we are using NADA's Zoom account, the user friendly, video and audio conference application. Some classes connect further via Facebook and/or require submission of videos of you and your dog.

In-person courses are held at our training facility at 10 Pearl Place. The *Covid 19 Clause* must be agreed to by all those taking classes at the facility.

COVID-19 Clause: *I/We certify that we will complete the Covid-19 Screening Questionnaire before EACH class and/or drop-in, and will not attend the class and/or drop-in if we answer yes to any of the questions. I/We will follow all safety precautions as identified in the document of safety protocols and checklists provided on the NADA website (Covid-19 page), and that failure to do so will result in my/our dismissal from the class and/or drop-in and all future class and/or drop-ins while the pandemic measures are in effect with no refund provided. I/We acknowledge that we participate in class and/or drop-ins at our own risk with regard to Covid-19.*

For the most recent information on NADA & COVID please go to

<https://www.nfldathleticdog.com/covid-19-updates>

IN-PERSON COURSES AT THE NADA TRAINING FACILITY - 10 PEARL PLACE

DOG SPORTS FOUNDATIONS: Sundays, 6:00-7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting May 9, with Jennie Murphy, Andrea Dillon & Chloe Henderson.

Prerequisite for this course: your dog should be at least 6 months old.

The purpose of this class is to provide handlers and dogs with the necessary skills and information needed to create great teams entering sports such as Agility, Flyball and Rally Obedience. It is well known that the skills sports dogs need are the same as those that dogs need to be great family pets! The key to any Foundations class, including the NADA Foundations class, is to teach skills that will enable the dog to give attention, offer behaviours, respond to cues, target and exhibit self-control. Some topics that will be covered are Marker Based Training, ways to start a behavior including capturing, shaping and luring, the importance of play in learning, impulse control, loose leash walking/reinforcement zone and recalls. The first class is without dogs.

LEVEL 1 AGILITY:

A: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting May 12, with Sandy Delaney, Terry Parrell and Paula Neville.

B: Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting May 12, with Sandy Delaney, Terry Parrell and Carla McGrath.

Prerequisite for this course: successful completion of Dog Sports Foundations.

This class will further improve your relationship and communication with your dog, and give you and your dog the confidence, awareness, and skills, which are foundations to the sport of agility. Exercises and homework will focus on basic obedience, impulse control, body awareness, and confidence on solid/narrow/moving obstacles. Dogs that have these skills will learn agility faster and more safely, preparing them for the introduction to obstacles.

LEVEL 2 AGILITY:

A: Saturdays, 6:00 – 7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting May 8, with Marguerite Foote and Fred Rowe.

B: Saturdays, 7:30-8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting May 8, with Marguerite Foote and Fred Rowe.

Prerequisite for this course: successful completion of Level 1 Agility.

This class focuses on introducing canine partners to each of the agility obstacles, while getting them used to working off leash. Teams will train on obstacles such as, the dog walk, teeter, A-frame, jumps and tunnels. The beginnings of 2x2 weave pole training will be covered and dogs will be introduced to the 2on 2off method of contact training.

LEVEL 3 AGILITY: Tuesdays, 7:30-9:00pm, for 5 weeks, starting June 1, with Dawn Bignell.

Prerequisite for this course: successful completion of Level 2 Agility.

Level 3 Agility continues to build on the skills acquired in Level 2 Agility and will enable teams to work through sequences in upper-level agility courses. At the end of the course, dogs will have greater value for the equipment, and handlers will have knowledge of the basic skills needed to 'handle' their dog through an agility course.

Classes will be 1.5 hours long and will run for 5 weeks. During the first 4 weeks, the class will be divided into two distinct parts. The first part will be a handler-only part and will introduce students to basic handling terms and skills,

including drive lines, dog leads, crosses (front, rear, blind), pivot turns/shoulder rotations, running and support arms, and ketschker turns. For the second part of the class, the dogs will be brought in, and teams will participate in exercises that aim to (i) continue building the dog's value for the teeter and other equipment, (ii) introduce teams to basic verbals and small sequences, and (iii) continue with weave pole training. The very last class on week 5 will be a handler-only class, and students will have an opportunity to practice the handling skills they have learned while running an agility sequence with their "imaginary dog". The course includes 4 weeks of free facility drop-ins for independent practicing of skills with dogs.

NOTE: This course is treated as equivalent to an 8 Week Course for member pricing and discounts; that is a course offered for one hour over 8 weeks.

JUMPS AND TUNNELS EXTENSION: Fridays, 6:00-7:00pm, for 4 weeks, starting June 4, with Dianne Ford.

Prerequisite for this course: completion of Level 3 Agility and the first 4-week Jumps and Tunnels course.

This class is designed for those students who have completed the first 4 week Jumps and Tunnels course but have not done Triple-Double Basic. This is offered as an intermediate step in moving Jumps and Tunnels to an 8 week course. The dogs are proficient on all obstacles and handlers are just starting to gain confidence in their handling with understanding of the different crosses and handling maneuvers used in agility. Jumps and tunnels will be used to solidify this knowledge and introduce teams to simple lines and skills to confidently sequence multiple obstacles. This class will also introduce teams to back sides of jumps and threadles.

CONTACTS AND SEQUENCING: Mondays from 6:15-7:15pm, for 4 weeks, starting June 7, with Carolyn Parsons.

Prerequisite for this course: completion of Level 3 Agility.

This class is designed for those students who have completed Level 3 agility. Teams will continue to work on independent 2o2o contacts and start using them in simple sequences broken down and handled in a way that works for you and your dog.

AAC TRIAL PREP: Tuesdays from 6:45 - 7:45pm, for 4 weeks, starting May 4, with Heather Skanes.

Prerequisite for this course: Completion of Jumps & Tunnels and Contacts & Sequencing.

Priority will be given to those teams who are planning to compete at an AAC trial this summer. During this class, we will be setting up AAC Starters-like courses; each week a different type of course will be used. You will learn the basic strategies of course map reading, be able to practice course walk throughs, learn the basic rules of each type of course introduced in the class, and run each course with your dog! This class is geared towards preparing you for AAC trials.

TRIPLE-DOUBLE ADVANCED (2): Fridays from 7:30-8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting May 7, with Dianne Ford.

Prerequisite for this course: Completion of Triple Double Basic.

Teams continue to advance their confidence, speed, and handlers continue to improve their handler acuity using Triple Double exercises from Handling 360 plus additional exercises developed for this team skill level by Dianne Ford. Skills in the course are a continuation of the understanding of verbals, plus advanced handling maneuvers like early lower body rotations, early front crosses, blind crosses, ketschker turns, and threadles. Prerequisite for this course: completion of Triple-Double Basic.

TRIPLE DOUBLE ADVANCED (2) FINISH: Fridays from 6:00-7:00pm, for 4 weeks, starting May 7, with Dianne Ford.

Prerequisite for this course: This course is limited to those teams that were registered in Triple-Double Advanced in Session 2021-1 (January).

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HEELING SKILLS 1: Saturdays from 11:00am - 12:00 noon, for 8 weeks, starting May 8, with Katie Manning & Lois Hammond.

Prerequisite for this course: Successful completion of Dog Sports Foundations.

The goal of this course is to work on building both joyful and precise heeling behaviours for use in sports such as Rally, Obedience, and Freestyle. Teams will learn a variety of games to build drive and enthusiasm while also balancing those games with precision-based skills, to create dogs who both love to heel and do so with great accuracy. This course is suitable both for dogs who have no previous heeling experience as well as dogs who already have a trained heeling behaviour and need to work on balancing the joy and precision in their performance. This is a homework-heavy course and consistent training at home between classes will be necessary to be successful.

HEELING SKILLS 2: Mondays from 7:45 - 8:45pm, for 8 weeks, starting May 3, with Lois Hammond.

Prerequisite for this course: Completion of Heeling Skills 1.

The goal of this course is to continue building on the games we learned in Heeling Skills 1, while also focusing on adding more precision elements to those games to build teams that are heeling both with great joy and accuracy. This is a homework-heavy course and consistent training at home between classes will be necessary to be successful.

ONLINE COURSES VIA ZOOM

RALLY RUN THRU ALL LEVELS (ONLINE): Tuesdays from 7pm - 8pm, for 8 weeks, starting May 4, with Katie Manning via Zoom.

Prerequisite for this course: Successful completion of Dog Sports Foundations. Levels 1-3 Rally not required but strongly recommended.

Dogs entering this course should already have a full understanding of all the Rally skills necessary for the levels they will be running, and handler should have experience with setting up, running, and videotaping their own Rally courses. This course is ideal for teams who are ready to begin transferring their Rally skills onto full Rally courses. This course will focus on learning the proper performance of signs in WCRL Rally. It is also great practice for anyone competing or planning to compete in CKC Rally. Each week we will meet via zoom to walk through multiple small WCRL Rally courses, depending on what levels each team is working on. Teams will then set-up and run their own courses and submit the videos back to their instructor for review. Teams may choose to run the courses as per WCRL rules so that they will have the option of submitting those runs towards titles, or they may choose to run the courses any way they like for practice.

Note: Use of the training facility is not included with the online class.

TRICK TRAINING (ONLINE): Sundays from 7- 8pm, for 8 weeks, starting May 9, with Katie Manning via Zoom.

Prerequisite for this course: Successful completion of Dog Sports Foundations.

The goal of this course is to work on building a variety of fun tricks and skills which will not only benefit our dogs in their future sports training but will also earn them Trick Dog titles! This class is appropriate both for Novice teams just beginning their training journey, and expert teams working on their highest-level titles as each team will work on level-appropriate tricks. Teams will submit video of their tricks to their Certified Trick Dog Instructor (CTDI) for review towards their titles. This is a homework-heavy course and consistent training at home will be necessary to be successful.

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