

Session 2021-3B Course Descriptions (July 1 - Sept 5)

Below is a list of classes being offered in the upcoming NADA session 2021-3B 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.

All courses will be 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>

DOG SPORTS FOUNDATIONS:

A: Sundays, 6:00-7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 18th, with Jennie Murphy, Andrea Dillon & Elizabeth Zedel.

B: Mondays, 8:00-9:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 12th, with Bev Stevenson & 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.

FLYBALL BEGINNERS: Mondays, 6:30-7:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 12th, with Terry Parrell & Bev Stevenson.

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

Flyball is a dog sport in which teams of dogs race against each other from a start/finish line, over a line of hurdles, to a box that releases a tennis ball to be caught when the dog presses the spring-loaded pad, then back to their handlers while carrying the ball. During beginner level Flyball you will learn if your dog is left or right handed, how to motivate your dog in a fun exciting way, build ball drive, learn how to keep your dogs focused on you while there are distractions close by, build your relationship with your dog, and meet some new friends in the process!

HEELING SKILLS 1: Fridays from 6:00 - 7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 16th, 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: Fridays from 7:30 - 8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 16th, with Katie Manning & 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.

LEVEL 1 AGILITY: Tuesdays, 7:00-8:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 13th, with Sandy Delaney & Paul Marino.

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: Thursdays, 6:00 – 7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 15th, with Marguerite Foote & Terry Parrell.

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: Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 15th, 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 run for 8 weeks and will be divided into two parts. The first part will consist of 4 handler-only classes, during which handlers will be introduced 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. In addition, the handler-only classes will cover some basic handler fitness, speed and agility exercises. The second part of the course will consist of 4 dog-handler classes in which we will aim to (i) continue building the dog's value for the teeter and other equipment, (ii) introduce teams to basic verbals and small sequences, (iii) review strengthening and flexibility exercises for dogs, and (iv) continue with weave pole training. The course includes 4 weeks of free facility drop-ins for independent practicing of skills with dogs.

JUMPS AND TUNNELS: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 14th, with Dianne Ford & Heather Skanes.

Prerequisite for this course: completion of Level 3 Agility.

This class is designed for those students who have completed Level 3 agility. 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.

TRIPLE-DOUBLE BASIC (1): Wednesdays from 7:30 – 8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting July 14th, with Dianne Ford & Sandy Delaney.

Prerequisite for this course: completion of Jumps and Tunnels.

In this 8-week course, dogs will develop confidence sequencing jumps (three) and tunnels (two), and proofing their understanding of "Jump", "Check", "Lala," and threadles. This course is based on Handling 360 by Susan Garrett and is a highlight of some of the initial basic TD exercises, along with additional exercises for this level of team skill by Dianne Ford.

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