

Session 2020-5 Course Descriptions (Sept – Nov)

Below is a list of classes offered in the upcoming NADA session 2020-5 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. Please note that **DOG SPORTS FOUNDATIONS** can be taken in person at our training facility or online.

Online course descriptions are located at the end of this list. For online courses, we are using NADA's Zoom account, the user friendly, video and audio conferencing 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:

A: Sundays 6:00-7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 27, with Jennie Murphy & Andrea Dillon.

B: Sundays 7:30-8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 27, with Carolyn Walsh.

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: Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 29, with Sandy Delaney and Paul Marino.

B: Tuesdays, 7:20-8:20pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 29, with Sandy Delaney and Margot Legge.

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 Oct 1, 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: Wednesdays, 8:00-9:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 30, with Dawn Bignell and Terry Parrell.

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 4 weeks, starting Oct 21, with Dianne Ford.

Prerequisite for this course: completion of Level 3 Agility

This class is designed for those students who have just finished 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.

CONTACTS AND SEQUENCING:

A: Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm, for 4 weeks, starting Sept 28 (no class Oct 5), with Carolyn Parsons.

B: Mondays from 8:00-9:00pm, for 4 weeks, starting Sept 28 (no class Oct 5), with Carolyn Parsons.

Prerequisite for this course: completion of Level 3 Agility.

This class is designed for those students who have just finished 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.

RALLY RUN THRU: Sundays from 11:00am -12:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 27, with Katie Manning.

Prerequisite for this course: successful completion of Dog Sports Foundations. Completion of Level 1 Rally recommended but not required if the dog already has all the necessary skills to run an entry level Rally course.

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 work on multiple small WCRL Rally courses, depending on what levels each team would like to run. 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.

LEVEL 1 RALLY: Sundays from 12:30 – 1:30 pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 27, with Katie Manning and Lois Hammond.

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

This course will focus on skills necessary for competing in the entry levels of the sport of Rally. The skills we will work on include several exercises to build drive and control in heel position, position changes, fronts, finishes, and walk arounds. The purpose of this class is not to work your dogs through Rally courses, but to work on and perfect each individual skill that is needed for competition

ONLINE COURSE VIA ZOOM

DOG SPORTS FOUNDATIONS C ONLINE: Wednesdays, 7:00-8:15pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 30, with Shauna Brennan.

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

The purpose of this innovative online class is to provide handlers and dogs with the necessary skills and information needed to create great teams entering sports such as Agility, Rally Obedience and Flyball. 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.

All classes will operate through face to face virtual meetings and follow up support and guidance through a social platform during the week. What this means for you is we will coach you, see you interact with your dog, and give you information and instruction both during and after the session. During this time of social distancing, together let's bring your dog's training to a new level.

Teaching Format: ZOOM, Facebook (please let your instructor know if you do not have FB, accommodations will be made)

Equipment:

- 6 foot leash (no retractable or chain)
- Flat collar (no choke/prong)
- Stool
- Mat
- Object to wrap (that is, to send your dog around, such as a pylon, plunger etc.)
- Floor space to be able to walk 10 steps
- Treats and/or clicker

Technology:

- Access to a computer/phone/tablet with internet access (high speed broadband access highly recommended)
- Ability to connect to Zoom with a camera, microphone and speakers
- Ability to make a video and submit it for homework (optional)
- Facebook account (please let your instructor know if you do not have FB, accommodations will be made)

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