

Session 2021-5 Course Descriptions (Sept -Nov 2021)

Below is a list of classes being offered in the upcoming NADA session 2021-5 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.

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 Sept 19th, with Jennie Murphy, Andrea Dillon & Mark Collins.

B: Mondays, 8:00-9:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 13th with Bev Stevenson, Elizabeth Zedel & Lesley von Browsowski.

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.

HEELING SKILLS 1: Saturdays from 12:30 -1:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 18th, with Katie Manning.

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

Note: Classes on the following dates may be rescheduled due to conflicts with local Agility and Rally trials: Oct 2, Oct 9 and Nov 20.

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: Saturdays from 11:00am – 12:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 18th, with Katie Manning & Lois Hammond.

Prerequisite for this course: Completion of Heeling Skills 1.

Note: Classes on the following dates may be rescheduled due to conflicts with local Agility and Rally trials: Oct 2, Oct 9 and Nov 20.

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.

RALLY O DEDICATED DROP-IN: Fridays, 6-8pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 17th.

Please note that during this time there will be no instructors, and everyone is responsible for directing their own training. It is an opportunity for people to get together to set up a full course that will be adaptable for all teams. Each team will be allocated their timed turns (depending on your experience level, teams could work certain exercises or run the full course). Dogs that are waiting their turn must be crated or must wait outside. Course maps will be

provided. **This is open to NADA members only. Teams should have experience with all the signs at the Rally 1 (Novice) Level.**

LEVEL 1 AGILITY:

A: Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 14th, with Sandy Delaney, Paul Marino & Carla McGrath.

B: Wednesdays, 6-7pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 15th, with Marguerite Foote, Terry Parrell & Paula Neville.

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: Wednesdays, 7:30– 8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 15th, with Marguerite Foote & 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: Thursdays, 7:30-8:30pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 16th, with Dawn Bignell & Jennifer Clarke.

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 Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 16th, with 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.

CONTACTS AND SEQUENCING: Mondays from 6:30-7:30pm, **for 4 weeks, starting oct 11th**, 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.

TRIPLE-DOUBLE BASIC (1): Tuesdays from 6-7pm, for 8 weeks, starting Sept 14th, with 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.

AGILITY DEDICATED DROP-IN:

A: Saturday, 3-5pm, starting Sept 18th.

B: Sunday, 9:30 – 11:20am, starting Sept 19th.

Please note that in a Dedicated Drop-In there are no instructors, and everyone is responsible for directing their own training. This dedicated drop-in time is an opportunity for people to get together to set up a full course. Each team will be allocated their timed turns (depending on your experience level, teams could work certain obstacles or run the full course). Dogs that are waiting their turn must be crated or must wait outside. Participants will take turns bringing in a course map to set up. **This is open to teams who have completed classes beyond Level 3 Agility, and who are**

comfortable sequencing greater than 8 obstacles (half of a regular course). This is ideal for teams preparing to compete in trials this summer.

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