

Session 2022-3 Course Descriptions (June – August 2022)

Below is a list of classes being offered in the upcoming NADA session 2022-3 for which you may be eligible. Courses with different numbers indicate different levels of training.

All courses will be held at our training facility at 10 Pearl Place. The facility is continuing to run at full capacity. “Public health requirements have been lifted, however, ***masks continue to be STRONGLY recommended when attending classes at our facility.*** **For the most recent information on NADA & COVID please go to <https://www.nfdathleticdog.com/covid-19-updates>**

*** Please note: Foundations is starting on June 19, 2022 and ending on August 7, 2022**

DOG SPORTS FOUNDATIONS:

Sundays, 6:00-7:00pm, **for 8 weeks, starting June 19th**, with Jennie Murphy & Andrea Dillon.

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:

Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30pm, **for 8 weeks, starting date June 14th**, with Sandy Delaney & 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:

Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00pm, **for 8 weeks, starting June 14th** 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. Teams will build on 2o2o skills introduced in Level 1, will work to advance handling skills, and will be introduced to the running contact for the A-Frame.

Heeling Skills 1.5:

Fridays, 6:00-7:00pm, **for 4 weeks, starting date June 24th**, with Katie Manning.

Prerequisite for this course: Completion of Heeling Skills 1.

This class is open to any teams who have completed Heeling Skills 1 but would like some extra help to work on their Standing Platform and Pivot Platforms skills. We will take a close look at handler mechanics and build from where teams left off at the end of their Heeling Skills class. Crating is required for this class.

Canine Good Neighbour (CGN) Prep:

Fridays, 7:15-8:15pm, **for 4 weeks, starting date June 24th**, with Katie Manning.

Prerequisite for this course: Successful completion Dog Sport Foundations.

The goal of this class is to prepare teams to successfully pass the Canine Good Neighbour test. We will look at all 12 of the tests and break down which tests each team needs the most help with. Please note that one of the CGN tests requires that your dog must be able to walk towards and sit in close proximity to another dog, and that two of the tests require that your dog accept petting and physical handling from another person. Dogs who are reactive or aggressive towards other dogs or humans are not appropriate for this class. Crating is required for this class as handlers will need to pitch in as helpers during some of the tests.

Trial Prep: Course Running:

Mondays, 5:30-7:00pm, **for 4 weeks, starting date June 27th**, with Dianne Ford.

Prerequisites: Agility Level 3 is required. Contacts & Sequencing, Jumps & Tunnels, and Triple Double are recommended but not required.

In this 4-week class, full courses will be set-up and run. Courses will be designed at the Novice (CKC)/Starters (AAC)/Beginners (UKI) level. Rules of the game for all three organizations (CKC, AAC and UKI) will be discussed. Courses will include: two Agility (Standard), one Jumps with Weaves (Jumping) and one Jumpers (Jumps & Tunnels/Speedstakes). Courses will be walked, run once like a trial, and if time permits, sequences will be trained with higher rates of reinforcement. All class participants will be required to assist with course set-up and tear down.

Contacts and Sequencing:

Wednesdays from 7:30-8:30pm, **for 4 weeks, starting June 29th**, 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.

Bump Up Your Contacts:

A: Thursdays, 7:30pm-8:30, for 4 weeks, starting date June 30th, with Sandy Delaney & Marguerite Foote

B: (If session A Fills) Thursdays, 6:00pm-7:00, for 4 weeks, starting date June 30th, with Sandy Delaney & Marguerite Foote

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Agility Level 2 is required.

This 4-week class will focus on increasing the dog's drive over the contact equipment, while "proofing" their contacts with the handler in a variety of positions. Training for the running A-Frame, which was added to the Agility Level 2 curriculum in April 2022, will be offered. With only three teams participating in the class, there is opportunity for considerable practice on each of the three pieces of equipment with frequent feedback from instructors.

Weaves: Four Poles (Plus July Drop Ins)

Mondays from 7:30-8:30pm, for 4 weeks, starting July 4th, with Dawn Bignell.

Prerequisites: Successful completion of Agility Level 2 is required. Dogs must also be at least 15 months old to participate.

This 4-week class will cover the basic steps for teaching your dog to independently weave through four poles using the 2 x 2 method. Games that will help build forward focus and drive will also be covered. Handlers will need to bring a toy or a food dispensing toy (eg lotus ball) to class for rewarding their dog at a distance. Included with the course are NADA facility drop ins for the month of July for practicing the skills covered in class.