

Session 2022-5 Course Descriptions (October – December 2022)

Below is a list of classes being offered in the upcoming NADA session 2022-5 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.
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 October 23rd**, with Jennie Murphy & Andrea Dillon.

B: Mondays, 6:00-7:00pm, **for 8 weeks, starting October 24th**, with Elizabeth Zedel & Katherine Ledwell

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, 7:30-8:30pm, **for 8 weeks, starting date October 26th**, with Paul Marino & Carla McGrath

B: Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00pm, **for 8 weeks, starting date October 26th**, with Marguerite Foote & 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:

Thursdays, 6:00-7:00pm, **for 8 weeks, starting October 27th** with Fred Rowe & Dawn Bignell.

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.

JUMPS AND TUNNELS:

Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:30pm, **for 8 weeks, starting October 25th**, with Heather Skanes & Terry Parrell.

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:

Sundays, from 11:00am-12:00pm, **for 8 weeks, starting October 23rd**, Dianne Ford.

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-INS:

Saturdays, 3:00-5:00pm, **for 8 weeks, starting October 22nd**.

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 long sequences and/or full courses. 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.**

INTRO TO RALLY:

Fridays, 6:00-7:00pm, **for 8 weeks, starting October 21st**, with Lois Hammond.

Please note: First class will be October 21th; **there will not be a class on October 28th.**

Prerequisite for this course: Successful completion of Heeling Skills 2. Note: If you already have Rally or Obedience experience but have not completed Heeling Skills 2, you may contact the instructor to discuss whether this is the right course for you.

Along with teaching skills used in Rally at the Novice level, this course will work on ring readiness. It will be suitable for teams who have never competed in Rally but it will also provide opportunity for those with rally experience to improve existing skills. We will focus on CKC signs at the Novice level but for those interested in competing through WCRL or CARO, we can provide information

about the differences in signs used in the introductory level courses by those organizations. Crating is required for this class.

RALLY DEDICATED DROP-IN:

Saturdays, 10:00am – 12:00pm, **for 8 weeks, starting October 22th.**

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). Participants will take turns providing course maps each week. **This is open to NADA members only. Completion of Level 1 Rally or an equivalent Novice-level course is recommended.**

HEELING SKILLS 1:

Fridays, 7:30 – 8:30pm, **for 8 weeks, starting October 21st**, with Lois Hammond.

Please note: First class will be October 21th; **there will not be a class on October 28th.**

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

Dogs coming into this class should have a solid understanding of shaping and luring mechanics, hand touches, wrapping a cone in both directions, and be highly food motivated.

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. Crating is required for this class.