



Newfoundland Club of America

Draft Test Premium List

Hosted by Colonial Newfoundland Club

March 14 & 15, 2026

Poor Farm Park, Ashland, VA

Judges: Bethany Karger & Donna Thibault

Test limited to 15 total entries per day:

BDD, DD, TDD, DDX, TDDX

Earliest date for Entries to be received

NCA Members: Tuesday January 20, 2026

Others: Friday January 30, 2026

All entries close at 11:59 PM EDT on **Tuesday, March 3rd 2026**

Permission to hold these NCA Draft Tests has been granted by the Working Dog Committee of the Newfoundland Club of America in accordance with the Draft Test Regulations revised October 2025 and effective on 1 November 2025

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An inherent risk of exposure to Covid-19 exists in any public place where people are present. Covid-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By attending/entering this event, you assume all risks related to potential exposure to COVID

Site Description

Maneuvering Course and Freight Haul Description

The maneuvering course is a regularly maintained, level grass surface which has mature trees that will be incorporated into the exercises. This is a public park that is regularly used by cyclists, people with dogs and children. There is playground equipment visible from the site.

The freight haul will include grass, gravel, asphalt and dirt surfaces along with natural obstacles, such as trees, stumps, etc. The topography of the freight haul is generally flat. There are ups and downs, but nothing steep. Again, this is a public park, so anticipate normal distractions.

Directions to the Test Site

The CNC draft Test will be held at Poor Farm Park in Ashland, Virginia. This is a lovely community park in the small, close knit town of Ashland, VA. There are many driving options depending on where you are coming from. GPS is the best choice.

Address:

13400 Liberty School Rd.
Ashland, VA 23005
Shelter #2

Coming from the North: Interstate 95 South to Exit 92 (Ashland/Route 54 West) continue West on Rt. 54 (through the Town of Ashland) for approximately 4 miles, turn left onto Liberty School Road. Follow the main road until you reach the gravel parking lot at the end of the road. Shelter #2 will be on the right.

Coming from the South: Interstate 95 North to Exit 92 (Ashland/Route 54 West) continue West on Rt. 54 (through the Town of Ashland) for approximately 4 miles, turn left onto Liberty School Road. Follow the main road until you reach the gravel parking lot at the end of the road. Shelter #2 will be on the right.

Draft Dog Excellent Test Exhibitors

The weight exchange for the DDX test is a wooden crate. The dimensions are 18 1/2" long x 13 5/8" wide x 11 1/2" high. Weight is 30 lbs. If a TDDX weight exchange is needed a second identical wooden crate will be used.

The drag away object is a log that has two eye bolts with an inner diameter of 1 1/8".



Eligibility

NCA draft tests are open to only purebred Newfoundland dogs of either sex that are at least 18 months old on the date of the test. Other restrictions listed in the NCA rules also apply. Bitches in season are allowed but will be tested after all other entrants have been tested that day. Please inform a test committee member as soon as possible if you will be bringing a bitch in season to the test. They must be crated away from other dogs in an area designated by the test committee. At least one other bitch must be available to perform group exercises with any bitch in season. Bitches that have had an ovarian sparing spay are required to be tested as "Bitches in Season".

Entries and Fees

Entry fee is \$50.00 for all single or team entries.

Online entry is available and is preferred at <https://www.ncanewfs.org/wdc/>

Entries will only be accepted from **NCA members online or postmarked Tuesday January 20th, 2026, or later.**

Entries will only be accepted from **non-NCA members online or postmarked Friday January 30th, 2026, or later.**

All entries close at 11:59pm on **Tuesday March 3rd, 2025.** After that time, entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted.

NCA members are granted a 10-day early entry as a benefit of their membership in the NCA. **To take advantage of the early entry rule, if the dog is co-owned, either all co-owners of the dog must be NCA members OR the handler must be an NCA member.**

Entries will be accepted online or by mail only. Entries postmarked prior to the appropriate opening date will be returned. Available entry slots will be filled according to the online entry date or the postmark date. All entries submitted online on a given date, no matter the time of day, will be treated equally, along with entries postmarked on that same day. Priority will be given to entrants who have not earned titles in the Division entered.

If the number of entries with the same date exceeds the number of available slots, a drawing will take place to fill the vacancies and determine the alternates. All entries received after the entry limit has been reached will be placed on an "alternate list" by order of those without titles, in order of postmark or online entry, followed by requalifiers in order of postmark or online entry. If withdrawals or absences occur prior to the start of the test, the test secretary will substitute entries from the alternate list. When notifying exhibitors of their entry numbers, exhibitors on the alternate list will be notified of their position on the list.

Entrants who learn they will be unable to attend a draft test must contact the test secretary immediately so exhibitors on the alternate list may be notified. Entry fee will be refunded if withdrawal of an entry is done prior to the closing date of the draft test. Entry fee will be refunded for those on the alternate list who cancel entry prior to the closing date. Entry fees will be refunded after the closing date if the entrant tests positive for Covid 19. Entry fees will not be refunded for a dog on the alternate list who would have made it into the test had the dog been in attendance on the day of the test. Please refer to Draft Test Regulations Revised May 2022, Chapter I, Section 12: Entry Limitation - "Alternates and Refunds."

If a handler has been assigned a spot in the test but their dog passes at a previous test, the handler must notify the Test Secretary by 6:00 p.m. the night before the test as to whether they will be withdrawing from the test (for which there will be no refund if after the closing date), requalifying in the same Division (if space is available or being added to the end of the alternate list), or transferring to a different Division. Should a test have an alternate list, the Test Secretary should note that any dog earning a title and subsequently requalifying will go to the end of the alternate list and the first alternate will move into the test. A dog that passes Beginner Draft Dog can either requalify or transfer to the Draft Dog test at a subsequent test. A dog that passes Draft Dog can requalify, change to a Team Draft Dog entry, or transfer to the Draft Dog Excellent test at a subsequent test. A dog that passes Draft Dog Excellent can either requalify or transfer to Draft Dog as a requalifier at a subsequent test should space be available for a requalifier.

If you wish to enter via postal mail, please make checks payable to **Colonial Newfoundland Club** and mail to

Paula McPherson
15209 Ivor Rd
Sedley, VA 23878

Please include a copy of the dog's AKC or CKC registration papers and do not mail with "signature required."

Online Entry

The preferred method of entering the draft tests is online at:
<https://workingentry.ncadogs.org> OR through www.MyNCA.org

If you are an NCA member, you will provide your login and password. If not a member, you will provide the same contact information that you would provide on a paper entry. You will need to upload a copy of your dog's registration certificate, so please create an electronic version of that document ahead of time. You will be prompted for your credit card information to complete the entry. If you need to pull or change your entry later, that must be done through the test secretary and not using the online entry tool.

Test schedule for both Saturday and Sunday

March 14th and 15th, 2025

7:20 am-7:50 am	Exhibitor Check-In (All Categories) & Breakfast
7:50 am	Alternates assigned.
8:00 am-8:30 am	DDX Course Familiarization
8:30 am-8:45 am	DDX Judges Q&A meeting with Entrants
8:45 am-9:00 am	DDX Judges Q&A meeting with Stewards
9:00 am	DDX Test Begins

Following completion of DDX testing

BDD Course Familiarization
BDD Judges Q&A meeting with Entrants
BDD Judges Q&A meeting with Stewards
BDD Test Begins

Following completion of BDD testing

DD/TDD Course Familiarization
DD/TDD Judges Q&A meeting with Entrants
DD/TDD Judges Q&A meeting with Stewards
DD/TDD Test begins.

At Judges discretion: Lunch Break

Entrants responsible for their lunches

Pizza/Drinks provided for Judges & Stewards

At the conclusion of all tests, awards will be presented.

Draft test Logo Gear available at:

<https://CNCstore.myspreadshop.com/>

Exhibitor Responsibilities

Each exhibitor is responsible for providing his/her own proper equipment. Each exhibitor is responsible for the knowledge of the official NCA Regulations governing a Draft Test and the applicable Standards of Performance. Regulations can be downloaded from the NCA website by choosing Draft Test Regulations on the page www.ncadogs.org/forms

All dogs not currently being tested should always be leashed or crated. They cannot walk any maneuvering or freight haul courses except during official course familiarization times. As a courtesy to other entrants, please try to keep your dogs quiet.

Waiver of Rights - Animals in Distress

The Newfoundland Club of America, Inc, and the regional club hosting this event reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all people attending this dog event hereby waives any claim for damages against the Club for such removal. The NCA regards the health, safety, and life of any dog on the event grounds to be paramount to other property or privacy rights. If the owner cannot be found in a timely manner, we will take whatever action is necessary for the safety of the dog, which may include breaking windows to enter a vehicle. Dogs found in an unsafe environment, distress, or in harm's way (for example, left in a vehicle without proper ventilation) will be removed to safety. Exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress, or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline

Spectators and Unentered Dogs

Spectators, as well as well-behaved unentered dogs (except bitches in season), are welcome at the CNC Draft Test. Unentered dogs will not be permitted near the test site area. The Safety Officer is responsible

for ensuring that all unentered dogs are kept outside and away from the test site. As a courtesy to our Exhibitors, we ask that all dogs be kept quiet and leashed or crated. No dogs are allowed to be kept in closed vehicles even if the air conditioning is running. If a dog is in a vehicle, the vehicle must have at least one open window, door, or hatchback. The Safety Officer will remind everyone of this policy and will check vehicles in the parking area throughout the day.

Bitches in Season

Bitches in season may participate in NCA Draft Tests. Bitches in season will be tested at the end of the competition after all male dogs are judged. When not being tested, bitches in season must be contained in a designated area well away from male dogs and the official test areas.

Out of Control Dog Policy

This policy was approved by the NCA Board of Directors on November 11th, 2023.

At all NCA Events dogs must be kept under control to prevent harm to themselves or others. It is the owner/handler's responsibility to ensure their dogs are under control for the duration of the event.

At NCA events dogs must be crated or leashed and collared at all times, except when the dogs are required to perform off leash. When dogs are leashed, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX (6) feet, and the leash may NOT be a retractable leash.

Dogs should not be allowed to approach another dog without permission from the other dog's owner/handler.

*Any dog that, in the opinion of the Judges, event committee or designated safety officer representing the event, appears dangerous, shall be asked to leave the event promptly or be crated for the duration of the event and **is excused from further participation in the event**. Anyone who witnesses a dog appearing to be dangerous should bring their concerns to the Judges, event committee or safety officer. Part of upholding good sportsmanship is to take action through the appropriate channels.*

Examples of out-of-control behavior would include but are not limited to:

Aggressive vocalization such as barking and growling, or aggressive behavior toward any person or animal such as snapping, biting, lunging, charging, attacking, or attempting to attack at any time while on the test grounds.

Owners and handlers are responsible for monitoring the well-being and safety of their dog(s). If left unattended the owner/handler must check on them frequently to ensure they are safe.

*If the dog is excused from the test grounds for aggression, the automatic grievance policy of the NCA is enacted. If an injury **to dog or person** occurs, the AKC Rules Applying to Dog Shows Ch 11, section 15 goes into effect. (References, chapter 2, section 14 in both water and draft regulations)*

Safety Rules

1. Dogs must be crated or leashed at all times.
When on leash, the length of the leash must not exceed SIX feet and may NOT be a retractable leash.
2. When on leash, dogs must be under control at all times.
3. Dogs showing uncontrolled or aggressive behavior will be asked by the Chair, Secretary, Committee Member, Safety Officer, Judge, or other official to leave the site promptly or be crated for the duration of the event.

Veterinarians (Off-Site)

Urgent Care (Short Pump)

M-F 3pm-11pm Sat/Sun 10am-8pm

11521 West Broad St.

Henrico, VA 23233

804-533-7733

27 min (18 miles) from site

Virginia Veterinary Centers

Open 24 hrs

3312 West Cary St.

Richmond, VA 23221

804-353-9000

25 min (21 miles) from site

Hotel & RV Options

Host Hotel

Room block reserved until **February 27th, 2026** under Colonial Newfoundland Dog Club

[Book your group rate for Colonial Newfoundland Dog Club](#)

Fairfield Inn & Suites

11625 Lakeridge Pkwy

Ashland, VA 23005

8 miles from site

\$145 per night with one time \$60 pet fee

804-412-4800

Use link provided or call hotel directly for

CNC Rate!

Tru by Hilton

5 miles from Site

101 North Carter Road

Ashland, VA 23005

804-365-5830

Hampton Inn

4 miles from Site

705 England Street

Ashland, VA 23005

804-752-8444

Quality Inn & Suites

5 miles from Site

107 North Carter Road

Ashland VA 23005

804-521-2377

Americamps RV Resort

10 miles from site

11322 Air Park Road

Ashland, VA 23005

804-798-5298

Dominion KOA Holiday

13 miles from site

10061 Kings Dominion Blvd.

Doswell, VA 23047

804-876-3500 information

804-562-4386 reservations

Check other hotels listed to be certain they are still dog friendly before booking!



NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: Pool Farm Park, Ashland, VA

Test Giving Club: Colonial Newfoundland Club

CLASS	REQUAL	March 14, 2026	March 15, 2026	DATE 3
BDD				
DD/TDD				
DDX/TDDX				

ENTER WD, WRD, WRDX, BDD, DD, TDD, DDX OR TDDX UNDER CLASS

Entries close at: 11:59 am/pm, On: Mar 3, 2026 Entries postmarked before Jan 20, 2026 (NCA Members) or Jan 30, 2026 (non NCA-Members) will be returned.

Entries must be received by the test secretary, by mail, by the closing date and time.

Entries not received by the closing date and time will not be accepted even if postmarked before this date!

Send entries with \$ 50.00 Entry fee payable to: Colonial Newfoundland Club

Return entries to the Test Secretary: Paula McPherson
15209 Ivor Rd
Sedley, VA 23878

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY:

****Information on this form will be use for record keeping and to generate a certificate of qualification should the dog and handler pass. (Only AKC, NCA & CKC titles are allowed)**

Attach a current copy of this dog's AKC Registration

Owner's Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Full Name of Dog: _____

AKC/ CKC/ ILP/PAL# _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

Sire: _____

Dam: _____

Breeder (s): _____
_____ Call Name: _____

Handler's Name: _____

****Entry Form Must Be Signed To Be A Valid Entry**

**** I understand that I enter my dog in this NCA Working Test at my own risk.**

I have read the Test Regulations and understand them. I agree to abide by the Test Regulations, the NCA Constitution and By-Laws and further agree to be bound by the Entry Agreement included in the premium for this test.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

(Signature of Owner/ Agent duly authorized make this entry)

Day Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

E-Mail: _____ NCA MEMBER: _____ YES SHELL NO TE(6.15.19)

NCA WORKING EVENT AGREEMENT

I (we) acknowledge that the NCA test regulations have been made available to me (us) and that I am (we are) familiar with their contents. I (we) agree that the club holding this event has the right to refuse this entry for cause which the club shall deem to be sufficient. I (we) agree that I(we) will uphold the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics, and (if applicable) the NCA Judges Code of Ethics. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry and of the holding of this event and of the opportunity to have the dog judged and to win ribbons or trophies, I (we) agree to hold this club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, or test secretary and the owner or lessor of the premises or grounds and the employees of the aforementioned parties, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of this dog while in or upon the test premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim or loss of the dog by disappearance, theft, damage or injury, be caused or alleged to be caused by the negligence of the club or any of the parties aforementioned, or by the negligence of any other person or any other causes. I (we) agree that any violation of the AKC Code of Sportsmanship, the NCA Code of Ethics and/or the Judges Code of Ethics will be handled pursuant to the Grievance policies listed on the NCA website.

I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time, resulting therefrom, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves) or on account of damage to property, or my vehicle arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this test, howsoever such injuries, death or damage to property may be caused, and whether or not the same may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees or agents, or other persons.

I agree to grant to this club, and its authorized representatives permission to record on photography film and/or video, pictures of my participation. I further agree that any or all of the material photographed may be used, in any form, as part of any future publications, brochure, or other printed materials used to promote NCA or the regional club, and further that such use shall be without payment of fees, royalties, special credit or other compensation.

- The Newfoundland Club of America, this regional club, its members, directors, governors, officers, agents, superintendents, test committee, reserves the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked car or crate, and all persons attending this dog event hereby waive any claim for damages against the club for such removal. I understand that exposing a dog to an unsafe environment, distress, or harm's way is considered mistreatment and subject to appropriate discipline.

Signature: _____