



**The Newfoundland Club of America National
Specialty
DDX Draft Test Premium List**

Hosted by: Colonial Newfoundland Club

Monday May 4, 2026



Judges Monday: Sue Marino & Donna Thibault

The Crowne Plaza 801 Greenwich Ave Warwick, RI 02886

Monday test limited to 12 total entries:
DDX, TDDX

Earliest date for postmark or online
entries: NCA members: **Monday**
February 23, 2026 Others: **Thursday**
March 5, 2026

All entries close at 11:59 PM EDT on **Friday April 10, 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 on October 2025 and effective on November 1, 2025

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We recommend entrants bring a pop-up tent for shade/shelter.

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

Extras This Year for the DDX test!

SPECIAL DDX CATALOG

As a special memento for the National DDX Test all entrants and alternates will receive a bound catalog with every dog highlighted. In preparation for this it is requested that you send a picture of your dog (with or without a cart) along with a one paragraph writeup about your dog at least one week following your entry being made. Please include your name and a contact phone number where you can be reached if more info is needed.

Pictures and writeups should be emailed to Donna Foy at dlfoy59@aol.com. Pictures can be sent in jpeg, png, or other format but should be separate from your writeup. If you have any questions or issues with sending your info please feel free to contact Donna Foy by email or text at 919-922-9419.

Photography and Use of Images

By attending this event, you hereby give your consent to publish and/or alter any and all photos and/or videos (hereby referred to as images) taken of you and/or your dog(s) that are present during this event, whether they are entered or not. You agree to waive any claim, action, lawsuit and further agree to indemnify and hold NCA, the host club, and any judge harmless from claims, actions, or lawsuits resulting from the use of these images and your participation in this event.

The “RUSHIE” Award

In honor of Sunvalleys Changing Tides (RUSH), owned by Heidi Peterson and the FIRST Newfoundland dog to earn an NCA DDX TITLE, a special “RUSHIE” Award will be given to the team that most exemplifies exceptional teamwork and connection between dog and handler. The award recipient will be determined by the judges at the conclusion of the test.

DDX CHALLENGE COURSE

Ever get bored practicing the same maneuvers all the time? Looking to show off your dog's special talent? Want an opportunity to win Cash and Prizes (OK maybe just prizes)? If your answer is YES, then the DDX CHALLENGE COURSE is right up your alley!

After completing your DDX test head over to the DDX CHALLENGE COURSE. Try one or more of the 4 maneuvers offered. Your choice! A separate prize for successful completion will be given for each one. The course will consist of fun and challenging maneuvers such as completing a 360-degree turn while keeping one wheel inside an 18" box, maybe completing a backward figure 8, or how about a 12" 90-degree turn or stopping on a dime by stopping one wheel on the challenge marker. Exact challenge maneuvers announced on test day.

The Challenge Course will be open only to the DDX ENTRANTS. When you're ready to give one or more of the maneuvers a try just look for one of our Challenge Course judges. (Judges announced on test day)

Test Schedule Monday May 4, 2025.

Monday

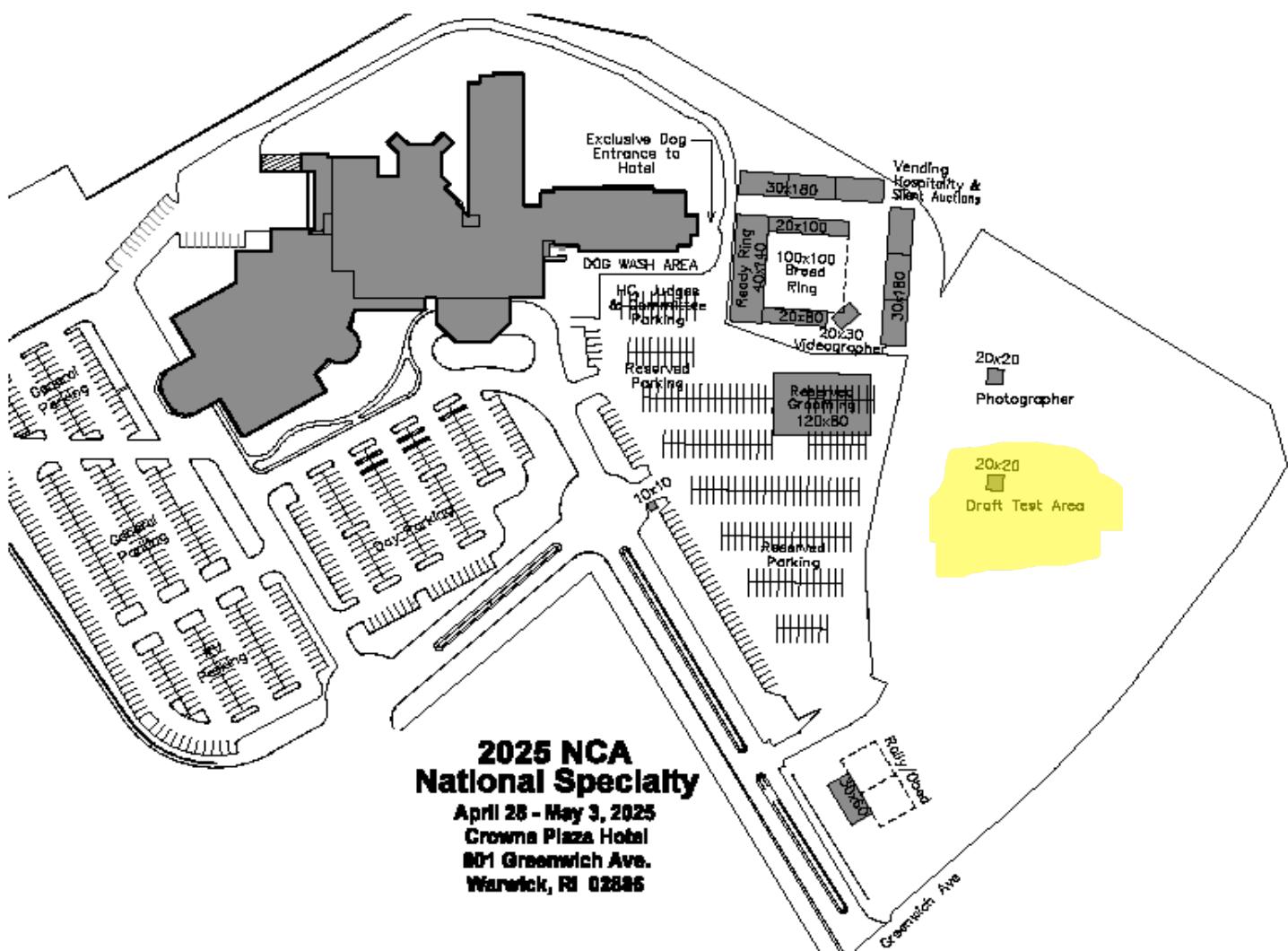
8:00am-8:20am	Exhibitor Check-In (All Categories) & Breakfast
8:20am	Alternates assigned.
8:30am	DDX/TDDX Course Familiarization
9:00am	DDX/TDDX Judges Q&A meeting with Entrants
9:15am	DDX/TDDX Judges Q&A meeting with Stewards
9:30am	DDX/TDDX Test Begins

At Judges discretion: Lunch Break

At the conclusion of the test, awards will be presented.

Site Description

The maneuvering course for DDX/TDDX is set on a grassy knoll featuring gentle slopes.



GENERAL PARKING

All General/Free Parking, including Spectator Parking, will be in the Hotel's main parking lot.

RESERVED PARKING

The reserved parking area is a fully paved lot adjacent to the show site, convenient to the grooming tent, conformation ring, obedience/rally ring, draft test and rescue parade/event. Having a reserved space will allow you unlimited in and out of the parking lot for the entire week without the hassle of having to search for a spot!

Spaces available are:

Single space (standard passenger vehicle-sized parking space) \$35

Double (two spaces side by side or front to back, standard sized box truck or passenger van). Please specify front to back or side by side. \$70

Quad space (four spaces in a square for oversize vehicles.) \$140

Please specify if you would like to be near conformation, obedience/rally ring, draft test or the rescue event.

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Thank you, Sheila
Kodiakacres@yahoo.com
774.644.2375

On Call Veterinarian	Human Hospital
Ocean State Veterinary Specialists 1480 South County Trail East Greenwich, RI 02818 401-886-6787	Kent County Hospital 455 Toll Gate Road Warwick RI 02886 401-737-7010

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 Monday February 23, 2026, or later.**

Entries will only be accepted from **non-NCA members online or postmarked Thursday March 5, 2026, or later.**

All entries close at the home of the Test Secretary on **Friday, April 10, 2026, 11:59 PM EDT.** After that time, entries cannot be accepted, canceled, altered, or substituted.

Note that to qualify for the 10-day earlier entry, either the owner or the handler must be an NCA member. If the dog is co-owned, either all the co-owners 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 Road
Sedley, VA 238787

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

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.

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)

Spectators and Unentered Dogs

Spectators are welcome at the Draft Test but are encouraged not to bring unentered dogs. Unentered dogs and dogs not currently being tested are not allowed in the official Draft Test testing areas. As a courtesy to the entrants, please keep unentered dogs quiet and keep them leashed or crated at all times. Unentered dogs are not allowed in the Reserved Crating area.

Trophies and Gifts

Each qualifying dog and handler team will receive an award to commemorate their achievement. Each entrant will receive a gift as a memento of their participation in the National Draft Test.

Test Logo Items available in Colonial Newfoundland Club Store

<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. <https://www.ncadogs.org/forms.html>.

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.

Online Entry

The preferred method of entering the draft tests is online at:
<https://workingentry.ncadogs.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.

Weight Exchange Items

The DDX and TDDX tests require the entrant to perform a weight exchange. The test committee will provide the following items for this maneuver: Three pieces of granite for the required total of thirty pounds for DDX. There will be another set for TDDX.



Area Lodging & Camping

This draft test is part of the NCA National Specialty. The NCA has provided hotel information on the web page <https://store.ncanationalspecialty.org/shop/hotel>. That page lists both hotels with a negotiated rate for the event as well as nearby pet-friendly lodging. Please confirm the hotel's pet policies before booking.

The NCA has also provided information on RV camping, located on the page. <https://store.ncanationalspecialty.org/shop/rvparking>. It lists both on-site camping, which can be reserved on that page, as well as nearby campgrounds.

Catalog Advertising

Please help support the CNC and its 2025 National Draft Test by placing an ad in the draft test catalog. The catalog's page size is eight ½" by 11".

Full Page	\$20.00	Online payment: contact Paula McPherson
½ Page	\$12.00	

The preferred way to submit your ad is by emailing a PDF file to the Test Secretary at paulamcpherson456@gmail.com. ONLINE PAYMENT AVAILABLE this year.

You can honor a Newf, a Newf's accomplishment, a club, a business, or whatever you want in the ad. Simply fill out and post the form below along with a check payable to Colonial Newfoundland Club to:

Paula McPherson
15209 Ivor Rd
Sedley, VA 23878

CNC Draft Test Catalog Advertising

Postmarked by April 8, 2026

Please reserve the following space in the catalog. I am sending the artwork via email.

Full Page Ad (8 ½" x 11") - \$20.00
½ Page Ad (8 ½" x 5 ½") - \$12.00

Total Enclosed

Make check payable to **Colonial Newfoundland Club**

Name:

Email:

Phone:

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NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: NCA National Specialty Warwick, RI

Test Giving Club: Colonial Newfoundland Club

CLASS	REQUAL	May 4, 2026	DATE 2	DATE 3
DDX/TDDX				

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

Entries close at: 11:59p am/pm, On: Apr 10, 2026. Entries postmarked before Feb 23, 2026 (NCA Members) or Mar 5, 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 used 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 SHEIL 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: _____