

## 2026 NCA NATIONAL SPECIALTY DRAFT TESTS



WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND

### **The Newfoundland Club of America National Specialty Draft Tests Premium List**

Hosted by: Southeastern Newfoundland Club  
The Crowne Plaza 801 Greenwich Ave Warwick, RI 02886

**Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Judges: George Norman and Terry Linehan**

Monday Test limited to 15 total entries: BDD, DD, TDD  
Tuesday Test limited to 15 total entries: BDD, DD, TDD, DDX, TDDX

\$50 per entry single or team

Earliest Date for postmark or online entries:

NCA members: Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026

Others: Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026

**All Entries close at 11:59pm ET on Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 November 1, 2025.

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\*Erin Andersen has completed the Darkness to Light Stewards of Children training.

### **Site Description**

The maneuvering courses for BDD/DD and DDX are set on a grassy knoll featuring gentle slopes. The freight haul will traverse a mix of grass, pine needles, gravel, and pavement, also incorporating mild inclines.

### **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 SPACE:** 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 oversized vehicles- \$140

NO trailers or motor homes are permitted in the reserved parking area. There is no power hook-up provided.

**Please specify** if you would like to be near conformation, obedience/rally ring, draft test/rescue event. Reserved Parking spaces will be available on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

### **PARKING RESERVATIONS OPEN:**

Online store or earliest postmark **January 1, 2026** for **NCA MEMBER EARLY ACCESS**.

Online store or postmarked **January 15, 2026** for **Non-Members**

Deadline for reservations is **April 1, 2026** or when lot is filled. ***No refunds will be issued after April 1, 2026.***

**Contact: Sheila Mallinson, [kodiakacres@yahoo.com](mailto:kodiakacres@yahoo.com)**

## **Medical Care Locations**

<b>On Call Veterinarian</b>	<b>Human Hospital</b>
Ocean State Veterinary Specialists	Kent County Hospital
1480 South County Trail	455 Toll Gate Road
East Greenwich, RI 02818	Warwick, RI 02886
401-886-6787	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".

Dogs or Handlers suspended from AKC are unable to enter NCA events and dogs suspended from AKC events are not allowed on test grounds.

## **Entries and Fee Update**

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

Online entry is available and is preferred at <https://workingentry.ncadogs.org>

Entries will only be accepted from NCA members online or postmarked Monday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, or later.

Entries will only be accepted from non-NCA members online or postmarked Thursday March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, or later.

All entries close at the home of the Test Secretary on Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 11:59 PM ET. 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 November, 2025 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 Southeastern Newfoundland Club and mail to:**

Melanie Tipton-Fortney

1631 Land Harbor (USPS)

37 Sarvis Lane (UPS/FedEx)

Newland, NC 28657

Please include a copy of the dog's AKC, PAL, ILP or foreign 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 reserve the right to remove any animal in distress from a parked vehicle or crate, and all people attending this dog event hereby waive 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 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Dogs or Handlers suspended from AKC are unable to enter NCA events and dogs suspended from AKC events are not allowed on test grounds.

### **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.

### **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 dog 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 a second set of pieces for TDDX.



## **Test Schedule Monday May 4, 2026**

### **Monday**

8:00am-8:30am	Exhibitor Check-In (All Categories) & Breakfast
8:30am	Alternates assigned.
8:45am	BDD Course Familiarization
9:15am	BDD Judges Q&A meeting with Entrants
9:30am	BDD Judges Q&A meeting with Stewards
9:45am	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**

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

## **Test Schedule Tuesday May 5, 2026**

### **Tuesday**

8:00am-8:30am	Exhibitor Check-In (All Categories) & Breakfast
8:30am	Alternates assigned.
8:45am	BDD Course Familiarization
9:15am	BDD Judges Q&A meeting with Entrants
9:30am	BDD Judges Q&A meeting with Stewards
9:45am	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.

### **Following completion of DD/TDD testing**

DDX/TDDX Course Familiarization  
DDX/TDDX Judges Q&A meeting with Entrants  
DDX/TDDX Judges Q&A meeting with Stewards  
DDX/TDDX Test begins.

**At Judges discretion: Lunch Break**

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

## **Area Lodging & Camping**

The draft tests are part of the 2026 NCA National Specialty. The host hotel is the Crowne Plaza Providence-Warwick, Rhode Island at 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI. The NCA has provided hotel information at <https://store.ncanationalspecialty.org/hotel>. The NCA web page lists the host hotel negotiated rate as well as nearby pet-friendly lodging. Please confirm any hotel's pet policies before booking.

The NCA has also provided information on RV camping, located on the website <https://store.ncanationalspecialty.org/committee/38>. The website offers options for both on-site camping as well as nearby campgrounds.

## **CATALOG ADVERTISING**

Honor your Newfoundland, your kennel, your club, friends or family with an ad in the 2026 NCA National Draft Test Catalog!

Full Page \$25

Half Page \$15

April 15, 2026 is the deadline to receive Ads and Payment.

Use the following Cognito Form link to place your catalog order on-line:

[https://www.cognitofrms.com/SoutheasternNewfoundlandClub1/\\_2026NATIONALDRAFTTESTCATALOGADORDERFORM](https://www.cognitofrms.com/SoutheasternNewfoundlandClub1/_2026NATIONALDRAFTTESTCATALOGADORDERFORM)

Or mail your words/pictures/instructions and we will make your ad for you. Please send a check

made out to the "SENC" to:

Melanie Tipton-Fortney

1631 Land Harbor (USPS)

37 Sarvis Lane (UPS/FedEx)

Newland, NC 28657

Email: [gowolfpack93@mac.com](mailto:gowolfpack93@mac.com)



# NEWFOUNDLAND CLUB OF AMERICA WORKING TEST ENTRY

Test Location: 2026 NCA National Specialty Warwick, RI \_\_\_\_\_

Test Giving Club: SENC

CLASS	Mon 5/4	Tues 5/5
BDD		
DD/TDD		
DDX/TDDX		

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

Entries close at: 11:59pm am/pm, On: 4/14/2026 \_\_\_\_\_. Entries postmarked before 3/2/2026 \_\_\_\_\_ (NCA Members) or 3/12/2026 \_\_\_\_\_ (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/entry Entry fee payable to: SENC

Return entries to the Test Secretary: Melanie Tipton-Fortney  
1631 Land Harbor, 37 Sarvis Lane  
Newland, NC 28657

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

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## 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 representative's 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: \_\_\_\_\_